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THE WELLS CATHEDRAL MANUSCRIPTS.

THE MSS. noted in this Report are partly original documents, and partly copies as they have been entered from time to time in the official Registers, the Liber Albus I. and III., and the Liber Ruber II., and in later volumes.

The great value of Lib. Alb. and Lib. Rub. has always been recognised, and they have provided information and whole documents for the Anglia Sacra, Godwin de Prœsulibus, Le Neve's Fasti, the Codex Diplomaticus, and other standard works, but no attempt has hitherto been made to give a complete calendar of their contents so that the stores of information buried in them and in the later volumes of which hardly any, if any, notice has ever been taken, might become available for general use. This want I have sought to supply by giving some note, longer or shorter, upon every entry in Lib. Alb. I. and Lib. Alb. III., and in Lib. Rub., except so far as the latter volume has been dealt with by Mr. H. E. Reynolds, in his book on Wells Cathedral.

The titles Lib. Alb. I., Lib. Rub. II., Lib. Alb. III., are due to Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells, who died 1739, the friend and correspondent of T. Hearne. They seem somewhat awkward, but practically the numbers correspond with the nature of the contents. Lib. Alb. I. and Lib. Rub. II. ought to come together, and Lib. Alb. III. to stand by itself; and as it has been necessary very often to give references copied from the Archdeacon's marginal notes, I have followed his arrangement. Dr. Archer, as the margins of these volumes and several MS. books of notes in the Cathedral Library show, was a most diligent and accurate student of the archives of his cathedral; his labours have lightened mine considerably.

The original documents of this collection, upwards of a 1,000 in number, have been brought to light and reduced to order within the last 15 years. For this it would seem that the Historical MSS. Commission is, to some extent, responsible, under whose directions the late Mr. H. T. Riley visited Wells in 1870 (*see* Report I.). The interest then awakened led to a search among the cathedral archives, with the result described by Mr. Riley in Report III. and in its Appendix, p. 351. He examined, he tells us, every one of these deeds, but after giving a description of 128 in the order in which they came to him, he changed his plan and chose out and dealt in the same manner

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with only 64 more, leaving the rest without any notice. Within the last three or four years the whole of these documents have been examined again, properly arranged, and catalogued, at the cost of the Chapter, and some of the earliest of them placed in glass cases in the library for public inspection.

As Mr. Riley has already given a very full account of the more valuable of these deeds, I have not thought it necessary to do more than give a short list of them all, copied for the most part from the new catalogue.

I may be allowed to add here that a collection of deeds belonging to Bishop Bubwith's Almshouse in Wells, which is described very shortly in Vol. VIII., Appendix, p. 638, of these Reports, has also been reduced to order and properly catalogued since that time.

The other books examined for the purposes of this Report are Books of Chapter Acts, Ledger and Indenture Books, and Account Rolls, reaching to the end of the 17th century. The series runs on unbroken from that date to the present time, but as they seem to contain only matters of limited local interest I have not given any notes upon them.

Unfortunately the documents of a most interesting period, which ought to be among the cathedral muniments, are missing.

The Lib. Rub. ends with 1513, and it has always been supposed, and it is so stated in several notes among the chapter books, that from this date the records are lost until 1596. The interval of silence is not now quite so long as that, for I have been fortunate enough to find one missing volume of Chapter Acts, of the years 1571–1599 (marked H., p. 241, of this Report). The wants of other years too are partially supplied by extracts from the Ledger Books D. and E., pp. 222 and 232, but very much has altogether disappeared, at least for the present.

Lib. Alb. I., pp. 1–130.

Liber Albus I. is a folio volume of 299 parchment leaves, bound in boards covered with rough white vellum, with a table of contents of 24 pages at the beginning, and another 12 pages of paper with the names of benefactors at the end, both added probably by Dr. Healy at the beginning of the last century. The folios from 6 to 61 seems to have formed part of a separate book, each entry has a rubricated heading, and an index at the beginning applies only to this part of the book. The book was probably once bound in black, and called the Liber Niger, for there are among the Chapter Acts several references to such a volume, and a fragmentary entry in a MS. copy of the King's Book for the western

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counties (temp. H. VIII.) gives a reference to the Lib. Nig., identical with the entry on that page in this Lib. Alb.

The early part of this volume, Mr. Riley says, was written in the reign of E. I. or possibly E. II. The earliest entry is of the reign of Edward the Confessor, the last belongs to the year 1393, and here the book ends abruptly, some pages having been lost.

In its first intention it seems to have been meant to be a cartulary. Amongst its charters are some of Edward, Edith, Harold, and others of early date, as well as a curious letter from William I. to William de Courcelle in Saxon, with a Latin translation. But even in the early part, where charters prevail, other documents relating to the cathedral and its interests are intermingled, and these increase more and more until the book becomes a register of chapter business of all kinds rather than a cartulary.

It is evident also that there has been a general intention to keep the entries in chronological order, but this, always imperfect, has been much broken in upon by the practice of making entries at a later date upon pages or parts of pages previously left blank.

The information scattered throughout its upwards of 1,200 documents, as also in the early Computus rolls to be noticed presently, by direct statement and incidental allusions, is of the most varied character, touching upon civil and ecclesiastical history, ritual, architecture, manners and customs in general, as well as upon the history of Wells itself.

There are also in this volume copies of the Great Charter, the Charter of the Forests, the Statutes of Merton, Windsor, Kenilworth, Marlborough, and Westminster, and of the guarantee given by Edward, son of Henry III., to Humphrey de Bohun and his party.

Lib. Rub. II., pp. 130–150.

Liber Ruber II. is a smaller volume, partly vellum, partly paper, bound in boards and red leather. This, says Mr. Riley speaking of the first 77 folios which alone are vellum, is probably older than Lib. Alb. I. Its contents are of much the same nature and the same general description will apply to it.

In both there are some good examples of early calligraphy.

At both the beginning and end there are eight pages of an old Service Book with coloured capital letters; and there is also a table of contents made by Dr. Healy.

At the end of the 77 vellum folios, however, the nature of the book is altogether changed, as though two different documents had been included in one binding. There is an interval of 138 years,

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parchment gives way to paper, and the rest of the volume, 300 folios, is simply a Book of Chapter Acts extending in unkroken order from 1487 to 1513.

Lib. Alb. III., pp. 151–222.

The Liber Albus, III. is probably the real Lib. Alb. described upon pp. 246–247 of this report as "The White Book," and the "Album Registrum."

It is a fine large volume, bound in white, written in the first part of the 15th century. It contains 456 folios and about 900 documents, and Dr. Healy has added to this volume also a table of contents.

The contents of this, as of the other two books, are very varied. Papal bulls, Saxon and later charters, ordinary business transactions, establishment of chantries and vicarages, the regulation of services, perambulations of the forests of Somerset, early custumals of some of the chapter manors, choice of representatives for Parliament and Convocation, manumissions, &c. are all mixed up together, with, here and there, examples of the use made by the chapter of the power of excommunication which had been granted to it by Bp. Savaric as a measure of police in its own properties. Some of these are very curious, as when in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 277 in dors, certain unknown poachers of North Cory are denounced in all the churches round with bell, book, and candle; or as in this volume (fol. 213), some 40 years earlier, one R. Gyan, also of North Cory, has to submit to 18 processional whippings on six several Sundays in the Cathedral, and to a similar course of discipline on other six Sundays in his own parish church.

Of the Saxon Charters I have copied out several in full because they are somewhat different here from the copies in the Codex Diplomaticus, and one because I believe that it has never yet been printed at all.

A will made by Hugh Bishop of Lincoln in the time of his exile in A.D. 1212, is also given at full length, because the only printed copy which I have met with, that in Collinson's History of Somerset, is very imperfect.

Indenture Books D., E., pp. 222–241.

In these two volumes I have passed by the greater part of the documents which are merely copies of leases, &c., only giving the names of the manors to which they belong, and have made notes of those only which touch upon matters of more general interest.

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These volumes introduce us for the first time to instances of the alienation of church offices, presentations, and property of which the most prominent examples are found in the appointment of Thomas Cromwell as Dean, under pressure from the King (a copy of whose letter is given here), and in the dealings of the Duke of Somerset with the Bishopric.

Chapter Act Book H., pp. 241–248.

This is the missing volume. It supplies the gap between 1571–1599, and from this date the books of Chapter Acts, allowing for the necessary interruption of the Commonwealth period, run on in unbroken succession to the present time. My notes upon them, as has been explained already, end with A.D. 1703.

Ledger G., pp. 257, 259.

The only documents taken out of this volume, which is one of the same series as D. and E., are some letters of Charles I. and Archbishop Laud.

Bishop Godwin's Register, pp. 265–270.

This volume is another discovery. It supplies the Register for four of the six years of Bishop Godwin's episcopate. The Registry until now had had only that of the other two years.

Pp. 271, 272 give the contents of a few loose papers, one of them the surrender of the Deanery in A.D. 1547. Others show the value put upon the Chapter House and Deanery by the governing powers in Somerset in A.D. 1649, and how nearly they were lost to us.

The Communar's Accounts, pp. 272–280.
The Eschaetor's Accounts, pp. 280–285.
The Fabrick Master's Accounts, pp. 285–292.

These three officers, the agent of the Chapter, of the Vicars of the Cathedral, and of the Fabric fund, cover with their several accounts all the sources of revenue and items of expenditure of a great cathedral body. It was not within the scope of such a report as this to give them all at full length, or even all those items in the accounts which would be of interest. I have therefore only given one roll of each series almost in full as a specimen, and a few extracts from others where any entry seemed of an unusual character.

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Original Charters, pp. 292–312.

These have been described already in this Preface.

P. 312.—The customs of North Curry Feast have been taken from a copy made within the last 50 years, and they are given here not only because they are curious in themselves, but because they seem to preserve something of a personal reminiscence of King John. The Charters show his connexion with the manor; the Itinerary shows that he was at Curry or in the neighbourhood three or four times; there seems also to be a possible connexion between these summer visits and the curious custom of the manor (p. 161), which directs one of the tenants to superintend the hay making in the King's mead alone in white gloves and with a white rod in his hand.

All the above-mentioned documents and books, as well as a quantity of Manor Rolls which are not noticed here, are in good order, and are now arranged in boxes in the Cathedral Library.

It is hardly necessary to add that a Dean and Chapter who have already done so much for the proper arrangement and care of their muniments have given me every assistance in the work of drawing up this account of them.

I have also to thank Mr. Harris, the Chapter Clerk, in whose custody many of them have been, for his kind aid in searching out and making use of many of the Books and Account Rolls.

J. A. BENNETT.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT ON THE MANUSCRIPTS OF WELLS CATHEDRAL.

LIBER ALBUS I.

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Missing. fol. 1.

Imperfect. The margin of the lower half of the page torn off. About the obit of H. Tessun, as in III., fol. 180. fol. 2.

PETITION OF THE D. & C. OF WELLS TO THE POPE.

Significant sanctitati vestre decanus et capitulum Wellen quod cum ipsi una cum Priore et conventu Bathon debeant sibi episcopum eligere, nec sit certus locus determinatus ad dictam electionem faciendam, petunt quod de certo loco quo ad hoc auctoritate vestra provideatur, et petunt judices non obstante constitutione de duabus dietis. Significant s.v. decanus et capitl^m^ Wellensis ecclesiæ, Bathon diocesis, quod cum plures habeant prebendas et possessiones ab ecclesia sua remotas, et frequenter a monachis, clericis, laicis, gravibus sint dampnis et injuriis lacessiti, et pro singulis querelis apostolicam sedem adire sit eis valde tediosum, supplicant quatinus paterna sollicitudine eisdem providere volentes detis in mandatis judicibus quatinus cum ab universitate ipsa vel singulis fuerint requisiti malefactores eorum in provincia Cantuarie constitutos ut eis ablata restituant, et de dampnis et injuriis irrogatis eisdem necnon irrogandis in futuro satisfaciant competenter monitione premissa per censuram ecclesiasticam sub appellationis obstaculo compellant non obstante constitutione de duabus dietis edita in concilio generali. Petunt judices Episcopum decanum et *precentorem* Sarum (*cancellar'* in fol. 96).

Significant s.v. Dec. et Cap. Well. quod Abbas et Convent. Glaston, et quidam alii Bathon, Sar, et Exon. dioc. super decimis possessionibus et rebus aliis injuriantur eisdem. Petunt judices Ep^m^, Dec^m^, et Archidiac^m^ Lincoln, non obstante &c. ut supra.

Signif^nt^ . . . quod Abbas et Convent de Alegnye et quidam alii Bathon, Sar, et Wygorn super decimis &c. ut supra. Petunt judices Dec^m^, Cancellar :, et Thesaur : Sar :, non &c. &c.

Signif^nt^ s.v. Dec : et Cap : Well : quod cum consueverint esse due prepositure in eccl : sua Wellen : una de Winesham et altera de Cumba, de quibus prepositurís cum pertinentiis prepositi earundem reddere consueverunt quindecim prebendas annuas quamlibet de decem marcis quindecim canonicis in eccl : Wellen : quibus Ep^s^ suus easdem prebendas, duxit conferendas, et nicholominus triginta marcas annuas ad plenarium servitium Beate Virginis, et similiter ad plenarium servitium defunctorum, singulis diebus in perpetuum in dicta eccl. sua Wellen : sollempniter faciendum, bone memorie venerab : pater Ep^s^ eorum Jocelinus nuper Bathon Ep^s^ de consensu suo et Capitulo Bathon propter tenuitatem et insufficientiam prepositure de Wynesham

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ad onera sibi imposita sustinenda ipsam prepositure de Cumba duxit uniendam. Ita quod sit una prepositura et unus prepositus utriusque sic unite in perpetuum, viz. prepositus de Cumba, et sustineat in perpetuum onera quæ utrique prepositure prius solebant incumbere. Et quia dicta unio, et ordinatio dicti Ep^i^ sui super dicta unione facta eccl: sue Wellen: per quam necessaria existit et utilis, petunt sibi eam et eccl^e^ sue Wellen per vos auctoritate sedis apostolice confirmari secundum tenorem ipsius ordinationis, in pupplicis instrumentis ipsius Ep^i^ et Capituli Bathon et suo que vobis si placet inspicienda transmittuntur, supplicantes ut tenor ipsius ordinationis littere vestre confirmationis plenius inseratur.

Walter de Andely, miles, grants to the Bishop of Bath and Wells four acres of land in Stokgummer together with the Advowson of the Church of the said manor.

Witnesses, Wm de Fortibus; Nich: Poinz; Phil: de Columbar . . . Henr: Luvel; John de Aure; Wm Everard; Wm Marmiun . . .

Final concord made 40th H. III., before . . . Turkeby; Gilbert de Preston; John de Wyvill; justiciaries; between W^m^ Bp. of B. and Walter de Andely concerning the above grant.

The Bishop to pay 40 marcs.

fol. 3 in dors.

Grant of the above by the Bishop to the Dean and Chapter.

Witnesses, Henr: de Erlegh; John de . . . Wm Everard; Symon de Grindham.

Edward the Dean, and the Chapter, patrons of the church of Stogumber, and Thomas Mackerel, rector, submit a question which has arisen about the said church, to Bishop William in conjunction with Robert Abbot of Glaston: the Dean, and Thomas the Archd^n^ of Wells.

In crastino S^ti^ Jeronimi A.D. 1270.

fol. 4.

Permission by the Bishop to the D. & C. to appropriate the Church of Stogumber, upon the departure of the present rector Thomas Mackerel, they paying annually clericis de choro, and to the poor on behalf of the soul of Bishop William, who gave the patronage of the Church, 100 solidi of its revenues, to be distributed by the communarius as follows:

To a chaplain appointed by the Bishop, to celebrate daily masses with a full service for the dead, at the altar of the Blessed Virgin, where the said Bishop W^m^ lies, 50 solidi a year in 4 quarterly payments; and on the anniversary of his burial 50 solidi to be divided in equal portions between the clerks who are present at his obit, and the mendicant poor in bread. The Bishop to have power to enforce this by sequestration, or ecclesiastical censure.

Given at Woky VI. Non. Oct. A.D. 1271.

Final concord. Made at Westminster before Thomas de Weylond, and John de Lovetoe, and Wm de Brompton and Rog. de Leycestre, Justiciaries; between Robt Andelay, on the one part, and Magister Th^s^ de Button, the Dean, and the Chapter of Wells, on the other (Hugo de la Hele being their representative) concerning the above land at Stogumber and the Advowson of the Church. The D. & C. are to hold them on payment of 100 solidi to Robert. 13 E. I.

Final concord. Made at Wilton, 33 H. III., before Hen. de Bathon, Alan de Waland, Wm de Wilton, Reginald de Cobham, and W^m^ le Breton, Justiciaries, between Thomas, parson of the church of Stogumber, and Henry, the prior of Goldclive, concerning certain pastures, &c.

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Mem. A.D. 1287 on the vigil of the Assumption, ad vesperas, a solemn procession was made to the altar in the Blessed Virgin's Chapel, on the petition of Hugh Rufus of Dychesgate, who had given to the D. & C., for the honour of the glorious Virgin, half a mark of annual revenue, charged upon his dwelling house, to be distributed among those who are present at the procession. fol. 4 in dors.

Missing. fol. 5.

Table of contents of folios 8–61. fol. 6, 7.

From this fol. the material is parchment.

The entries on this fol. are in a different hand, and later than the rest in this part of the book, and all difficult to read. fol. 8.

A.—Partially torn.

B.—Mandate of King H. to the ballivus of Northcory to call upon Robert de Columbariis to answer for the dues upon two carucates of land in Hach.

C.—A short and difficult entry.

Mem. that Thomas the Prior of Bath and John . . . . brought a letter about the agreement made between the two churches of Bath and Wells. A.D. 1243.

D.—Mem. that Gilbert de Dunstorre brought several paria litterarum, upon the same subject. The entry difficult.

E.—Other letters received about a visitation which is to be held, and the confirmation of an arrangement about South Stoke.

F.—Other letters upon the same subject of South Stoke, and about Cumbe, brought by the Sacristan of Bath.

G.—Other letters received from Bath on the same subject.

H.—An illegible entry.

J.—A short entry, partly torn off. An order to the ballivus of North Cory. An inquisition is to be held by order of the king. fol. 8 in dors.

K.—The D. & C. to the Archd^{n} of Sarum. Inasmuch as the care of collecting the monies payable to the Pope devolves upon them sede vacante, they have appointed proctors to receive the dues from the Abbey of Glastonbury, &c. A.D. 1247.

L.—Mem. that the fruits of vacant benefices belong to the D. & C.

M.—Allotment of a canon's house. A.D. 1251.

N.—A similar entry of the same date.

O.—Rights which the Vicar of Pilton has within and without the Park of Pilton cum bobus domini, viz., 8 oxen, 5 cows, 1 bull, 1 horse; and 30 pigs cum porcis domini free of pannage. Outside the park one onus daily de Morboscis; unum stipem contra Natale Domini, and corredies for 8 men, half a measure of oats for his horse, unum denarium cum alba virga ad capistrum emendum, et closturam ad cartillagium, et ad prata sua. 10 hens for Chirset on S. Matin's Day, and at the Feast of the Ascension, that is, ad processum nostrum, a cheese, and a bushel of wheat at Easter.

P.—Two vicars ask for leave of absence. It is refused. Part of this entry torn off.

Charter of King Richard granting North Curi manor to Bp. Reginald. At Canterbury, Nov. 27th A.D. 1189. fol. 9.

Test: Hugh Bp. of Durham; Godef. Bp. of Winton; Hugh Bp. of Chester; Hubert Bp. of Sarum; Earl Hamelin de Warrene; Earl Robt de Leicr'; Earl Ric. de Clare; William Mariscall; John his brother; Will. de ffors (?): Henr. de Longo Campo; Rog de Pratello; John his brother; Will. de S^{t}. John; Gaufr. fil: Peter; Rad. fil: Godefr,

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Camerarius; Hugh Bard; Rob. de Witefeld. Per manus Eliensis Electi, Cancellar. Anno regni 1°.

The king to the men of North Curi announcing the above grant. At Canterbury, Dec. 4.

Confirmation of the above by King John, cum terra de Hatche et de Wrentis, Sept. 30, A.D. 1199. Given at Caen. Test: Gaufr: Archbp: of York; Roger, Bp. of St. Andrews; Earl David; Will. Earl of Arundell; Will. de Humet, Const: Norm:; Hugh de Gornaco; per manus Simonis Archid: Wellen: and John de Grei.

King Richard to the Sheriff of Somerset, on the above.

Confirmation of the above by King John, with grant of a market on every Wednesday.
Test: J. Archbishop of Dublin; Will. Marescall, Earl of Pembroke; Henry Earl of Hereford; Earl David; Alberic de Veer, Earl of Oxon; Sayher de Quency; Peter de Stok. Per manus Hug: de Well: Archid: Wellen: At Bristol Sept. 10th, A.D. 1206.

fol. 9 in dors.

Charter of King John, de quietatione thelonei, to St. Andrew's Wells, & the Dean & Canons thereof; to St. Peter of Bath & the Prior and Monks thereof; and to Bishop Joceline; and their successors.
Test: R. Earl of Chester; De Quency, Earl of Winton; Wm. Briwere; Walter de Lascy; Wm de Braosa; Wm de Cantilupe; Rad: Gernai; Thomas de Erdington. Dat: per manus Walt: de Gray, chancellor, at Marlborough; Nov. 26th, A.D. 1208.

Ratification by John, Count of Mortaigne, of King Richard's Charter of North Curi.
Test: Hugh, Bp. Coventry; Stephen Ridel, Chancellor; Robt. de Bretoil; Ham: de Valum; Hugo de Malalnoi; Theobald son of Walter; Wm de Buchet; Magister Peter de Littel.

fol. 10.

Confirmation by John, Count of Mortaigne, of a grant by King Henry II. of North Curi & Hatch to Bishop Reginald and the Canons of Wells.
Test: Robt. Earl Mellent; Wm Earl of Sarum; Stephen Ridel, &c. At Marlborough.

Confirmation and ratification by John, Count of Mortaigne, of King Richard's grant of Hatch.
Test: Stephen Ridel, Chancellor; Roger de Novo Burgo, &c. At St. Edward's.

Letter of John, Count of Mortaigne to the Sheriff, &c. de saysina facienda Reginaldo Epo. of North Curi.
Test: Wm de Wendevall. At Marlborough.

John, dominus Angliæ, to the men of North Curi, to the same effect. King Richard is now bone memorie.
Teste me ipso, at Beandeford, April 17th.

Gaufrid, fil. Petri: Justiciary, to the men of North Curi, stating the grant of John, &c.
At Westminster, April 29th. per breve dni Johs, dni Angliæ de Ultra Mare.

fol. 10 in dors.

Inspeximus and confirmation of the above grants by Henry III.
Test: Eustace, Bp. of London; Richard, Bp. Sarum; Hubert de Burg, Justiciary; per manus Rad. Cicestr Epi, Cancell; at Westminster, Feb. 12th. 11 H. III.

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Charter of Henry, de deafforestatione of North Curi Manor, to Joceline the Bishop, and Peter the Dean, & to the Chapter.
Test: Ric:, Bp. of Durham; Walter, Bishop of Karleon, Treasurer; Hubert de Burg, Justiciary &c.; per manus Rad: Cicest^{r}: Ep^{i}. At Fuleham. May 15th anno regni 13°.

Charter of King Stephen. Grant of the Churches of North Curi and Perreton to establish prebends. fol. 11.
Test: H. Bp. of Winton; Ric. de Luci; & Wm Mart. At London.

Confirmation of the above by Theobald, Archbp. of Canterbury and Legate.

Letter of Reginald, Bp. of Bath, concerning the above grants.
Test: Alex, Dean of Wells; Thomas of Wells &c.

Confirmation by Savaric, Bp. of Bath & Glaston; of the above grants, with freedom from all archidiaconal payments &c.
Test: William, Abbot of Betenesden; Gilbert son of Willm &c.

Charter of Radulf son of Bernard. fol. 11 in dors.
Has received from Bp. Reinaud and the Church of Wells, Hacche, a member of North Curri Manor, to hold for life, on payment of duos cereos iiii^{or} librarum on St Andrew's day.
Test. Alex., Dean of Wells; Robt de Geldeford, Archd^{n} of Bath &c. Sworn to in the Chapter.

Charter of the above R. granting to Baldwin Cocus, his servant, for his service, a half virgate of land in Hatch, in fee and hereditary right on payment of one pound of cummin.
Test. Stephen Flandrensis.

Grant by the above R. to Eadmund, his huntsman, of a ferling of land in Hacche, which Ric. de Serrees formerly held, as reward for his services, on payment of one pound of cummin yearly on St Michael's day.
Test. Stephen Flandrensis.

Agreement between the D. & C. and Richard the son of Bernard; the said Richard is bound to satisfy his brother William in the matter of 15 marcs silver paid by the D. & C. as part of 30 marcs agreed upon before the Justiciaries, to be paid to him for his claim upon Hacche. He gives his revenues from Liminton as a pledge, the D. & C. to return the deed when payment has been made.
Executed in full Chapter.

Hugh de Gundevill restores to the Church of Curi all the lands called hunilandes which he had wrongfully taken in the Manor of Curi.
Test. John de Bathon; Robt de Gundeville &c.

Richard son of Radulf son of Bernard warrants to the D. & C. the Manor of Hacche against his brother William or any one who may make a claim through his father or mother. If he fails in this he will give to the D. & C. in exchange all his lands in Limington.
Test. Hugh of Wells, Archd^{n} of Wells; Joceline his brother; Symon de Pateshyll; Eustace de Facunberg; James de Poterne; E^{d} de Mulcegros, Justiciaries, &c.

Final concord made in the king's court at Porecester A.D. 1206, fol. 12.
before the king himself, and the above named four justiciaries, between Richard son of Bernard, and Alex., Dean of Wells & the

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Chapter. The said Richard gives up all claim to the Manor of Hacche, and will warrant the D. & C. against his brother William and all of his race, on payment of 30 marcs, silver.

Gilbert Gule and Christina his wife, the daughter of Thomas de Bolonia, grant all the land which Thomas de B., and they after him, held in North Curi to St Andrew and the Church of Wells, and swear to give them assistance whenever it may be needed in defending their right to the said land.

Sealed in the Chapter at Wells in die octavarum apostolorum Pet. et Pauli, anno a translatione beati Thome Martyris iiiº.

Test. Walter, Capellanus North Curi; Godefrid de Wedmore, &c.

Controversy between Peter the Dean & the C. of Wells, and John de Alre, & Agneta his wife.

The D. & C. complain that the said John has wrongfully erected a fence [fossatum] in Salt-More; impounded the animals of the D. & C. &c. where they claim a right of fishery; has wrongfully fenced in his wood of Stathe, and occupied some land near the chapel of St James, and obstructed a right of way at Stathemore between the said chapel and the said wood. The said John and Agneta complain that the D. & C. have wrongfully destroyed the sd fence, and stopped the right of way for animals through Stathmore to Saltmore; have wrongfully made certain lands into meadow land where the said J. & A. used to have a right of pasture.

fol. 12 in dors. Agreement; In order that the D. & C. may more readily fence in their wood Stockwode and a part of Pinkeham, the said J. & A. grant to them 15⅛ acres, i.e.: 2½ and ⅛ between Stockwode to the east and north. In Bradelega 12½ acres within Stockwode. They grant also a right of pasturing 4 score animals in Saltmore, and that the D. & C. may take to themselves 60 acres in Stathemore which belong to the D. & C. but where J. & A. had pasture rights, beginning at Childesmorweye & imparking westward; saving however that there is to be no imparkatio against the animals belonging to J. and his men, but that after the hay is carried, they may freely pasture there. The said J. & A. also withdraw all rights which they may have as regards fences, &c., the D. & C. granting in return a right of way into Sedgmore. In return the D. & C. give to J. & A. in exchange 15⅛ acres, i.e., 3¼ acres in Merstowe, and 5½ acres near Rodweye, and 3½ and ¼ acres in Esterclive; and in the meadow near the wood of Stathe 2½ acres and ⅛ of an acre. Also 1½ acres in the same meadow exchange for 1 acre of meadow in Hullemede, and ½ an acre in the croft of Wodebreche. The said J. & A. may also enclose their wood of Stathe, and also a part of Saltmore, and bring it into meadow and fence it, saving to the D. & C. the right of pasturing 80 animals as above. J. & A. also to have a right of way for their animals going to Saltmore by the way from Stathe by the bank of the Peret as far as Saltmore, and by the Curilade way to th sd Saltmore. The above agreement to be enrolled in the king's court. Walter Camerarius makes affidavit for the D. & C. and J. & A. in person. Two deeds are prepared and sealed. Any question which may arise is to be settled by the arbitration of some good man. A.D. 1233, on St Mark's day, in the Chapel of St Gregory of Stoke at North Curi, in the presence of Peter the Dean of Wells; W. the Subdean; Magister R. de Berkelay; John Kannel; dns John de Reyni; Gilbert dacus; Will Malet; Thomas de Regnys.

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Final Concord between Peter the Dean and the Chapter of Wells, represented by John de Templo, and John de Alra and Agneta his wife, made at Westminster in Hilary term, before Will: de Ralegh; Thom. de Muleton; Rob. de Lexinton; Will. de Ebor; Rad. de Horwic; Will. de Insula; Adam son of William; Will. de St. Edmunds; Justiciaries, 18 H. III. fol. 13.

Details as in the above agreement.

Final Concord, made at the same time and place, between Robt son of Will. Odde, and the D. & C. The said Robt gives to the D. C. all his rights in 30 acres of land in Hunteham for 100 sol. sterling. fol. 13 in dors.

Charter of Nicholas, clericus, son of Will. of Elmeham. Grants all his land in Lamlegh in the Manor of North Curi, and 1 acre of meadow on the West side of Wrentiches ford, lying next to the land of Ric. Herebert, to the D. & C. on their paying 12^{d} a year to Henry the Hundredsman for all dues, and 5 marcs silver to himself. Test. Walter, Camerarius; Philip de Wylee, &c.

Inspeximus and confirmation of the above by William the father of Nicholas.

"Hec iiii^{or} carte in Anglico infra sunt translate." fol. 14.

Charter of King Edward in Saxon. Printed in Cod. Dip. IV. N° 838.

Charter of King Edward in Saxon. Printed Cod. Dip. N° 839.

Charter of King Edward in Saxon. Printed Cod. Dip. N° 835.

Charter of King Harold in Saxon. Printed in Cod. Dip. IV. N° 976.

The above Charters are also given in Latin.

Charter of William II. about the Abbey of Bath. Printed in the Mon. Angl. and in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 278.

Grant by King Stephen of the bishopric to Robert, "Canonica "prius electione precedente et communi nostro consilio voto et favore "prosequente, &c. . . . ." fol. 15.

Audientibus et collaudantibus omnibus fidelibus meis hic subscriptis apud Westmonasterium in generalis consilii celebratione et Paschalis festi solemnitate hoc actum est.

Test. Will. Archiep° Cantuar:; Thurstan, Archiep°. Ebor:; Hugoñ, Arch' Roch,' &c.

On the margin 1136.

Confirmation by R. Duke of Normandy of the grant made by his brothers, King William and King Henry, to St Peter, and to Bishop John, of the city of Bath.

Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 286.

Grant by King Henry to Bishop Robert of permission claudere omnes parcos suos per totam terram suam, sicut fuerint clausi tempore Henrici regis avi nostri.

Test. Ricard. Pictavie, Archid: Given at Gloucester.

Confirmation by Henry II. of the grants made by H. I.

Test. Henr. Baioc:; Froger:; Sagien. Ep^{s}, &c.

Letter of King Henry to the sheriff, &c.

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Permission has been given to Bishop Reginald ut habeat canes suos ad fugandum, sicut predecessoras melius habuerint per totam Sumerset. Test Robt fil Bernardi. Given at Clarendon.

Charter of King Richard granting to Reginald, Bishop of Bath, and his successors, leave to have lead mines wherever they can find them on their lands in Somerset.

Also that they may create a borough in terra sua de Radeclive, with a market. Any interference with the above is to be liable to a penalty of £10.

Test. Walt. Archiepo Rothom; Hug. Dunelm, & Hug. Coventr. Eps, &c.

fol. 15 in dors. Charter of King Richard concerning the Bishop's dogs. Similar to the charter above.

Test. Hug. Dunelm: Hug. Cestr. Eps. &c.

Per manus Willi. Elyensis Electi, Cancellarii nostri.

Apud Cant: 26 Nov. anno regni nostri primo.

Another charter similar to the last, but in fuller terms. The Bishop to have the right "ad capiendum omnes bestias preter cervum et cervam, et damum et damam . . . . per totam Sumerset." And also, "de omnibus bestiis in parcis suis fugatis si exierint. . . . libere suum habeat percessum," &c.

Test: Bald: Cant: Archiepo; Dunelm, Ep, &c.

On the margin, A.D. 1189.

fol. 15 in dors. Confirmation by King Richard of grants made to the Bishops and to the churches of Bath and Wells by his predecessors, King William, and his brother Henry, and by King Henry II., of the City of Bath, and the manor of Dogmersfield.

1o. Recites first the charter of William II., addressed to O. Bishop of Sarum, and T., Abbot of Glaston. Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I., p. 283.

fol. 16. 2o. Confirmation of the said grant by H. I., A.D. 1101, in the presence of the Queen; A. Archiep: Cantuar:; T. Archiep: Ebor:; M. Ep: London.

Given at Windelsora in die ordin S. Gregor. iii. Non. Septr. Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 284.

3o. Charter of H. I., addressed to A. Archiep Cantuar:; G. Archiep Ebor: &c., &c.

At Tedinton in die Apost. Pet. et Pauli. Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 285.

4o. Another charter of H. I. speaks of "Sedem Episcopatus que olim "erat apud villam que dicitus Well'," granting the city of Bath as above, and 20 hides belonging to it. Test. R. Sarum: W. Exon: W. Winton: R. London: R. Lincoln, Eps, &c.

5o. Charter of H. I. confirmed at Waltham by the king and queen, A.D. 1181, vio. Id. Augusti. In transitu regis Normanniam anno xiio. regni sui. Signed by the king and queen: G. de Aquila; R. Sarum, Ep, &c.

6o. Charter of H. II. Confirmation of previous grants. At Argentum. Test. H. Brioc; F. Sag. Eps; W. de Hum, Constº, &c.

fol. 16 in dors. 7o. Charter of H. I., granting Dogsmerfield to Bishop Godfry, sicut R. Eps Dunelm et ego per eum melius et plenius habuerimus. At Winton. Test. G. Cancellar, &c.

8o. H. II. Agreement between Reginald, Bp. of Bath, and Henr. de Tilli, concerning the manor of Dogmersfield, which the bishop claimed

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to be in dominio suo et de feodo de Dinre, quod sicut dicebat Ep^s Godefridus de Dinre de eo debebat tenere in capite, et quod Hen^r. clamabat tenere de Epo. H. resigns the manor of D. into the king's hands, the king gives it to the bishop Reginald. The same is done with Dinre, and the Bishop pays to Henry 100 marcs, and the said H. de Tilli is to hold Dinre of the Bishop per servitium unius militis.

Test. R. Archiep. Ebor : G. Ep. Elyen ; J. Ep. Norwic ; at Gadinton, per manum Const: Arch : Oxenes tunc sigillar :.

9°. H. II. grants to Bp. Reginald leave to make a park at Dogmersfield.

Test. R. fil : Steph : Camer : T. fil : Bernardi, &c., at Winton.

All the above confirmed anno regni nostri primo. Test. Baldewin, Archiep Cant : ; Walt, Rotsmag, Archiep^o, per manum Will^i. Elyens : electi, Cancellar, Nov. 26, at Canterbury.

Letters patent of King Henry. The prelates of the province of Canterbury have made an offer of half a marc upon every carucate of domain land ; and of 2 solidi upon every carucate held by their military tenants, and free tenants and rustics ; and similarly upon those held by the sub-tenants of these, towards the king's service when he was besieging Falk de Breaute in the castle of Bideford. The same levy has been made upon the lands of abbots, priors, and other prelates, who do not hold portions separate from their houses [separatas portiones a conventibus suis] and upon the lands of their tenants. They have also freely granted the services of the men upon their domains ad trahenda ingenia, and for other labour in the siege. All the aforesaid aid was offered freely and only of their liberality, and it is not to be considered a precedent. fol. 17.

Teste me ipso at Bideford, Aug. 10, anno regni viii^o., in the presence of H. de Burgo, Justiciary ; W. comes Sarum ; W. comes Warrena ; G. comes Glovecestr & Hereford, &c.

Grant by Reginald of Cornhill son of Reginald of Cornhill to Bishop Jocelin of all the land and messuage which belonged to his father, lying opposite the Church of St. Helena in London, and between the land which belonged to Hen^r de Sta Helena, and Hugh de Sibeton on the south, and the land which belonged to Roger Horloc and Jocey speciarius, and Master Gregory on the North ; which land with the garden extends a vico eastward towards Bisopesgate as far as the vicum de Bradestrate, and to the land of Master Gregory, and the land of Jocey juvenis towards the west ; upon payment of one pound of wax yearly, or 4d, infra quindenam Natalis D^ni. For this the Bishop has paid 200 Marcs sterling " in gersumam ". fol. 17 in dors.

Test : P. Winton, Ep^o ; Comite W. Marescall, rectore d^ni regis et regni. Hebert de Burgo, Justiciary &c.

Charter of King Edward in Saxon. Printed Cod. Dip. IV. No. 837.

The same in Latin.

Charter of Eadgyth. Printed in Cod. Dip.

The same in Latin.

Charter of King Edward, in Saxon. Printed Cod. Dip. IV. No. 836.

The same in Latin.

Charter of Eadgyth printed in Cod. Dip.

The same in Latin.

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Charter of William. Willelm kýng Willelme de Curcello gret frendliche. And ic bidde þe þ̃ þy do þ̃ þis Rom feoh forð cume of minam mann, & syððan ælchen þegene and hire mannŭ æt þisse Michælis massen bifullan yite, & ton cyðe þis to munt acuht and to bristoye. þat mann þe hit midon habben þ̃ hit don. & þær hit forð ne cumeð sethe se ðp and þu þar after, & æc ic beode þat namman ne sy syo þearf þ̃ nýme ænige name in Gyse ðp lande ær hyt to foran hým syfe cume, ne þu ne nan þinne manna God þe gehealde.

Will[s] rex Will[o] de Curcell salt. Mando te quatenus intromittas ut denarii Rom̃ solvantur ad instans festum S[ti] Michael de hominibus meis et preterea de liberis et servis. Et hoc notum facias aput montem acutum et Bristoll; ut qui nondum solverunt solvant. Et de hiis qui non solverunt fiat inquisitio per dcm epm̃ et preterea per te. Prohibeo et ut nullus sit ita temerarius quod capiat mannum super terram G. Epi antequam veniat coram eo, nec tu nec aliquis tuorum. Valete.

Grant by E. the Dean and the Chapter to Hugh de la Hele and the heirs of his body of a messuage and ferdel of land in North Curi, formerly held by his father Ric[d] de la Hele, upon an annual payment of 11*s*. 1*d*. in lieu of all secular services saving Hundred and Manor Court dues, and services due to the crown, and a relief of 5 marcs; heirs minors to be wards of the D. and C.

Test: Walt. de Lovenay. Baldric de Noneton A.D. 1289.

Bond of Hugh de la Hele that he will observe the above under a penalty of £60 sterling, to be enforced by distraint upon all his property in North Curi. The same witnesses.

fol. 19.

License by H. III. to Bp. Jocelin and his successors to dispose by will of all their goods, mobiles et immobiles, tam de bladis in terris seminalibus quam aliis, etc.

Test: P Winton, Ep[o]; Steph. de Setgrave Justiciary: Joh, comite Lincoln et constabular: Cest.; Hugon: dispensario: Rad[o] fil Nichol; Rad[o]. germm:; Godefr de Crawecumb; Galfr. dispensario; Galf: de Kaniz; Joh de Plesset, &c. Per man: Radulfi, Lycestr, Ep. et Cancellar: Given at Westminster, March 27, Anno regni nostri 18[o].

fol. 19 in dors.

Charter of Bishop Joceline.

Nicholas de Wells having given to the church of St. Andrew his land and houses in Wells ante magnam portam canonicorum, they are to come under the same rules as other canonical houses, viz. that they are always to be assigned to a canon, and be free from all secular dues as the old canonical houses are.

Test: Hugh, Archd[n] Wells.

Charter of the above by Nicholas of Wells.

Charter by Radulf preciosus of a messuage and houses at Wells lying between the house which belonged to Leobert, clerk, and the land which belonged to Ada de Lectunia, to the Deans and Chapter on payment of an annual rent of 18 pence to Walter de Dunheve, and to Walter de Wicha, and their heirs, for all services. The said messuage to be let by the D. and C. to a resident canon, and the rent to be divided equally among all the canons and vicars who are present at the anniversary of the said Radulf.

Charter of Malger, presbyter vicarius of Wells, granting the above named messuage, &c. to Radulf preciosus canonicus of Wells.

Test: Richard de Athber; Ada Magot, &c.

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Another and fuller charter by Radulf preciosus concerning the same messuage, &c. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

Robert Bishop of Bath to the D. and C. fol. 20.

Robert our Archd^n has granted one acre in Wells "which we had given to him" to Gilbert Cawete and his heirs, subject to an annual rent of 12 pence to be paid to the Archd^n and his successors, &c.

Test: Ricard, Pictav, Archd^n.

Charter of Radulf fil: Bernardi. Grants to the church of St. Andrew and to Bishop Reginald the churches of Holecumbe and Lameia.

Charter of the grant of Holecumbe by Radulf, &c.

Charter of Letitia widow of Radulf fil Bernardi. fol. 20 in dors.

Inasmuch as dominus meus Radulfus fil Bernardi in ultima voluntate sua restituit Stephano capellano de Dund [Dundry or Dundon] confessori suo et coram me et Jordano de Wethemede, et Will^o de Lifford et multis aliis, Deo et beato Nichoi et Ecclesie de Holecumb, totam terram et boscum &c., cum rustico Semaro nomine terram illam tenente, of which he confessed that he had wrongfully deprived them; and inasmuch as he had given the manor of Holecumb to me in dotem, he prayed me to consent to the said restitution; I consent, &c.

Confirmation by Robert de Renni of the grant made to St Nicholas of Holecumbe by his father William de Renni through Robert his chaplain.

Boundaries of the land.

A cruce Edric Borda usque ad ductum aque ex parte australi, et de ductu, omnes terras et dumeta que sunt inter viam de Birigg̃ et inter aquam de Cotteleg^s usque ad stratam ferratam, &c.

A.D. 1150. Presidente domino Rob^to Ep^o Exon Eccl.

Archid: Waltero; Hug̃ de Auco, &c.

The rubric calls this the Charter of Robt. fil Pagani.

G. Bishop of Exon to Joceline, Bishop of Bath and Glaston: & to the Dean & C. of Wells. He has upon their petition admitted and instituted Henry de Cicestr: to the Church of Holecumb.

Addition to the above grant of William de Renni, al^s Reigni. Robert de Renni now grants lands a cruce Edricsbord and omnes terras que sunt inter viam de Herbethleg et inter aquam de Cordeleg usque ad stratam ferratam.

A.D. 1150. Presidente domino Rob^to Ep^o Exon; Archid: Waltero; Hugo de Auco; Will^o de Cucussel.

He also gives to the chaplain of the said Church paschua communia fol. 21. per totam terram meam de Holecumb.

Testes sunt canonici S^ti Petri, Exon., scilicet Ricard filius Rams^r.

Charter of Richard de Camville granting to the church of St Andrew at Wells & to Bp. Reginald to form a perpetual prebend, the church of Hengstrig or Hengestring, saving the rights of the present parson: John fil: Luce.

Charter of Gerard de Canville made in the presence of Richard, Archbp. Cant.; John, Bp. of Norwich; Baldwin, Bp. of Worcester; Sefrid, Bp. of Chichester, and Randulf de Glanvill, confirming the above grant of his father Richard.

Given at Westminster. A.D. 1182.

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Charter of Eustake de Camvill; quod cum ego in languore posita, essem apud Hengestr propter demandam Walteri de Dunstanvill de manerio de Scandeford quod exigit a domino meo et me et essem sine servitio ecclesiastico feci hanc cartam canonicis Well Eccl^e et magistro Alexandro canonico prebende de Hengestr, ut si promiserint me habere servitium meum in loco competenti extra ecclesiam et capellam, promitto eis in bona fide, et per cartam presentem me obligo, quod completo termino languoris istius nunquam de cetero vendicabo servitium predictum, et hoc observandum fide mediante.

fol. 21 in dors. Testimony of Archbishop Richard and the other witnesses of Gerard de Camville's charter, above.

Confirmation by Archbishop Richard of all donations made to St. Andrew's at Wells.

Confirmation by Bishop Reginald of Richard de Camville's charter. Test: Alexander, Dean of Wells.

fol. 22. Testimony of Roger, Wigorn Ep^s, that Richard de Camvill executed his charter in the presence of Archbishop Richard of Cant:, and the Bishops; Gilbert of London; B. of Exon; Robert of Hereford; John of Chichester; Richard of Chester; Adam of St Asaph.

Similar testimony of Archbishop Richard, mentioning the Bishops R. of Winton and G. of Ely, in addition to the names in the last.

Confirmation of Richard de Camville's charter by Hugh Peter, Dei gra: S^ti Angli diac: card: Apli: sedis legatus.

fol. 22 in dors. In a different hand from the rest.

Disposition of the Exor^s of the will of John de Button, senior, of 25 marcs payable annually by the Prior and Canons of Berliz. Upon the anniversary of the burial of the said John on 4th of September, 2 marcs are to be divided among the Canons and Clerks of the Church of Wells who shall be present at the service, by the hands of the Communarius. 2 marcs to be given on the same day in bread to the poor. 16 marcs to four chaplains for celebrating on behalf of the soul of the s^d John, and of the souls bone memorie of his brother William, and his nephew William, Bishops of Bath and Wells, at the altar of St Nicholas, built at the expense of the said John in the chapel of St Mary juxta Claustrum, &c.

Two marcs to be expended for two wax candles, one in lucerna coram cruce erecta de bonis ipsius defuncti; the other before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, ut prebeant lucem euntibus et redeuntibus a pulsatione matutinarum usque ad consummationem earundem. At cereus Beate Virginis similiter ad missam ejusdem.

Twenty shillings quinque Coristis cantantibus antiphonam in honore gloriose Virginis ante ymaginem ipsius erectam in navi ecclesiae.

To the communarius for his labour two shillings.

To the sacrist for lighting the candles, and ringing the bell, two shillings.

The 16 shillings of residue to be expended upon the lights and ornaments of the altar of St Nicholas.

One among the chaplains is to be appointed as principal to receive and distribute the stipends of them all, and to withold the due proportion if there have been any negligence, one half of the fines to be spent upon the service of the altar, the other to go to the principal chaplain.

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Charter of Robert de Boleville. With the consent of his wife Beatrice, and on the petition of Robert, Bishop of Bath, he gives his church of Lideford after the decease of William, the priest, to make a prebend, saving the rights of a vicarage given by me to my clerk Vivian. fol. 23.

Test: ; Robt Archdn of Wells; William, Prior of Briwetun; Roger, presbyter of Aldideford; William of Eli, presbyter; Galfrid of Curi; Gilbert of Hornblaunetun; Peter, bordarius; John fil: Will; Walkelin, and Eggwin.

Final concord made at Oxford in curia regis die veneris proxima post octabis Apl Petri et Pauli, anno regni H. II. 33° in the presence of Rann de Blanville, Justiciary: Hubert Walt, Dean of York; Rad: fil: Stephan; William Ruffus; Robert de Inglesham, Archdn of Gloucester; William fil.; Stephan, vic: of Gloucester; Robert Marmiun; Rad: de Arden; Rad: Murdac; Henr. de Cornhull; &c., between Reginald, Bishop of Bath, and John de Bonevill, as to the advowson of Lideford church. The said John to present a fitting person to the prebend, whom the Bishop will accept and institute as a canon, according to the custom of the church of Wells. But the said canon is not to have any share in the communa by reason of his holding that prebend, except by favour of the Bishop and the Chapter.

Confirmation by Bishop Reginald of the above grants made by Robert de Boleville and his brother John.

Test: Alexander, Dean of Wells; T. Archdn of Wells; Joc: Capellanus; Master Nicholas de Limer; Hugh de Wells; Roger de Godestow; Stephan and Thomas de Tornac; Will: de Winton; Will: de Mertok; Roger de Bradeford, &c.

Notification of the grant of Lidford by Bishop Reginald.

Charter of Henry, Abbot of Glaston:, and the Convent concerning the Church of Pilton granted by them to the Church of St Andrew, Wells, and to the Bishop Reginald.

Test: Hugo, Bishop of Durham, and Hugh, Bp. of Chester. Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 263.

Charter of Savaric, Bp. of Bath and Glaston, granting the Church of Pilton to the Canons of Wells for their use whensoever it shall be vacated by Roger of Winton, Archdn. Two priests to be maintained to offer daily masses in the Church at a stipend of 2½ marcs, and commons in bread the same as the vicars. On Savaric's anniversary 100 poor are to be fed in the said Church, and all others who in accordance with the custom of the said Church are present at his obsequies are to have a share in the common distribution. Canons are to receive of the common fund 4 pence, vicars 2 pence. fol. 23 in dors.

Test: Alex: the Dean; Will: the Precentor; Thomas the Subdean.
Printed in Adam of Domerham, Vol. I. p. 236.

Another copy of Abbot Henry's charter.

Confirmation by Bishop Reginald of the grants of Pilton and Suth Brente Churches made by Robert Abbot of Glaston in order to form three prebends: of the Church of Haselbergh made by William son of William, to form one prebend; of the Church of Bokland by Oliver de Dinan to form one prebend; of the Church of Hengstrigg by Rd de Camvill to form one prebend; of the Church of Scandeford by Hamo fil Gaufrid, to form one prebend; of the Churches of Cumtune fol. 24.

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and Brumfeld, by Girbert de Perci and Mathild his wife to form one; and of the Church of Estharpet^{r}, by William fil. Willm. fil. John, to form one prebend. Also of 3 marcs payable annually by the Church of Briutun for the maintenance of a wax candle to burn continually before the High Altar in the Cathedral; and a similar payment due from Briutun to the Church at Bath secured on the revenues of the Churches of Banewell and Westbury.

Charter of Simon Bozun, granting the Churches of Karentun to form a prebend. The appointment resting with Simon for his own life, and then to fall to the Bishop.
Test. Savar, Archd^{n} of Northampton; Dalmatius, seneschal Lungdun.

Confirmation of the last by Bishop Reginald.
Test. Savaricus, Archid: of Northampton; Alex, Dean of Wells; Thom. of Wells; Master Robert, and Master Godfrid, Archid: of Bath.

fol. 24 in dors. Confirmation by Bishop Savaric of the appointment of Robert Buzun to the prebend of Karentun, made by Bishop Reginald.
Test. Robt. de Dina; John de Rammesibus.

G. prior of Bath and the convent covenant to pay annually to the Canon of Wells who holds the prebend of Karentun the 100 shillings which Simon Buzun reserved when he granted to the Prior and Convent of Bath the Churches of Karentun to be held by them on the same terms as they were held by Holberan (or Hosburn) and Robert, the parsons of them.
Test. David, presbyter of Westun.

Exemption by Bishop Savaric ab omni onere Episcopali of Robert Buzun's prebend.

Confirmation by Henry, Abbot, and the Convent of Glaston: of the grant of Pilton Church made by Abbot Robert.
Test. B^{ps} Hugh of Durham; Hugh of Chester.
Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 283.

fol. 25. Confirmation by Bishop Reginald of the grant made by the Abbey of Glaston, of Pilton, and Suth Brent Churches. Printed in Adam of Domerham, Vol. I. p. 235.

Confirmation by King Henry, of Abbot Robert's grants of Pilton, to form two prebends, one of 10 marcs, the other of the residue of the value. The abbot to pay 10 marcs to the prebendary and 3 marcs stall wages to the vicar who shall serve for the Abbot in the Church of Wells; the residue to go to the Abbot as a prebendary. During a vacancy in the Abbey, one moiety of the Abbot's prebend to be paid to the Canons, the other to the Abbey.

fol. 25 in dors. Confirmation also of the arrangement made by Bishop Reginald by which the Abbot of Glaston is to be Archdeacon of the Churches of St John in Glaston; Mera; Stret; Budekeleg; Siapewick; Sowi; Meriling; Pilton; Pennard; Dichesieta; and be accountable in all things to the Bishop, as other archdeacons, save only the Paschal customs, to which they have not been liable of old, as to the 7 churches. The Church of Suthbrente is surrendered by the Abbey to Thomas the Archdeacon of Wells to form a prebend, in consideration of his loss by this arrangement, &c. &c.
Test. Robt Cancellar.
Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 229.

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Charter of Mathillis de Arundel, wife of Gerbert de Perci, granting to Bishop Reginald and the Church of St Andrew, the Church of Brunfeld (Bromfield) saving the rights therein of the presbyters, Gaufrid and Philip.

Test. Henry, Archid. Exon; Ricd. Archid. Bath.

Confirmation of the last by Bishop Reginald.

Charter of Bishop Reginald, granting to the canons freely a barton, for which they used to pay 12 nummos annually.

Charter of Bishop Robert to the Church of Hiwys. fol. 26.

[Marginal note, Hywis in Brente marisco, membr. manerii de Banwell.] Addressed to Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Bishops, to the Abbots and Priors of Somerset, to the Dean and Chapter of Wells, to the Archdeacons, and to all the clerks and people of the diocese of Bath.

Confirms the church in the possession of one hide of land membrum mannerii nostri de of Banwella. Speaks of Walter de Moretania as holding Hywis at the time of the Bishop's appointment, and magister Alured after him, as a grant from the Bishop, and then Magister Ricd de Monte Acuto. Hywis is made a prebend of Wells, in order that it may not become lay property and be lost to the Church.

ii. Nonas. Nov., &c. Anno regni Henrici junioris v°. Anno Episcopatus xxiiii. *i.e.* A.D. 1159.

Tests. et consulentibus, Ivo the Dean and the Canons of Wells; Peter the Prior, and the monks of Bath; Benedict, Abbot of Adheligen; Robert, the Prior of Glaston; William, the Prior of Montacute; Stephen the Prior of the Canons of Tanton; William, the Prior of the Canons of Bruton; and also the Archdeacons Robert and Thomas, &c.

Grant by Bishop Robert of a croft of land to the church of our manor of Cumtun, which lies near our pomerium, but upon the other side of the road, on the north side of it. A.D. 1159. fol. 26 in dors.

Confirmation by Archbishop T. of the grant of land made to Hywis. A.D. 1159.

Grant by Bishop Joceline to Helias, capellano canonico nostro Wellen, persone ecclesie de Cumtun, of the right to enclose 10 acres in the moor at Cumtun, and to run 8 oxen with the Bishop's oxen. A.D. 1236.

Grant by Bishop Joceline. The land of Hywis formerly a member of Banwell Manor be free of suit to the Court of Banwell. fol. 27.

Given at Banwell, A.D. 1228.

Inspeximus of the last, and confirmation by Thomas the Prior and the Convent of Bath.

Also by the Dean of Wells and the Chapter.

Bishop Jocelin, in the 26th year of his episcopate, decides in the Chapter of Wells, in a case which has been submitted by both parties, that Hywis is exempt from the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon of Wells. A.D. 1232.

Maths: the Prior, and the Convent of Bradenstock, give to Alexander the Dean of Wells, and the Canons, all their rights in the Church of Ceddra.

Test. Walter the Prior of Bath.

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fol. 27 in dors.

Grant to Helias capell: canon : Welln :, by Lucia, daughter of Master John de Kardumulla, of the land given to her by her father, which lies between the land given by him to her brother John and her sister Mirabella, and the land which belonged to Walter Mauger, called the Muntoria, saving the lord's rent of 12 pence a year in lieu of all services, upon payment of two marcs silver. Lucia has renounced all her rights to the above in pleno hundredo de Welles, and has given to Helias the charter of Lord Walter de Dunhevede concerning the said land.

Test. Master Lambert, Subdean of Wells.

A similar grant by John and Mirabella of their land and a columbarium. They warrant it contra omnes homines et feminas qui mori possunt.

Test. Peter, Dean of Wells.

Grant by Helias, Canon of Wells, of the aforesaid lands and houses to the Chapter of Wells, to form a canonical residence saving a rent of 12 pence to Walter de Wyke pro omni servitio. Thirteen shillings and fourpence to be divided upon the day of the anniversary of Helias among the canons and vicars present there. If per consuetudinem regni the Chapter cannot keep that mansum, volo quod capitulum provideat aliquem de Canonicis suis residentem, vel residere in hoc manso volentem . . . , cui . . . illud mansum vice mea . . . . in perpetuum liberetur.

Test. Peter de Cicestr., Dean of Wells.

Grant by Walter de Dunhevede, his wife and heirs assenting, to Adam de Lecton, sacerdoti, cognato meo, of an acre of ground in Wells, lying to the north of his house.

Test. Thomas, nepos. Ep^{i}.

Grant by the same to Malger, presbyter at Wells, of the land between my garden and the land of Adam de Lectun, 15 perches less two feet in length and breadth.

Test. Dn^{o} Odone.

fol. 28 in dors.

Savaric, Bishop of Bath and Glaston:

Prebends "contra morem aliarum prebendarum subjectas" to be exempted from archidiaconal jurisdiction upon the decease of the present Archdeacons.

Given in the Chapter A.D. 1203 in Oct. S^{ti} Michaelis.

Savaric to all ecclesiastical persons in the diocese. Has given licence to the Chapter of Wells, non expectata presentia nostra, to excommunicate or interdict all who invade their rights.

The same to all men in the diocese, "quia ad multa distrahimur et preter voluntatem nostram in locis remotioribus demoramur, &c."

fol. 29.

A similar order by Savaric.

H. de Wells, Archdeacon of Wells in accordance with the act of Savaric, exempts all prebends of Wells from archidiaconal jurisdiction.

Given in the Chapter, anno regni regis Johannis 7°.

R. Dean of Sarum to J. Dean of Wells.

Our brethren and your children R. the Cantor and Master M., have begged us to write to you concerning the dignities and privileges of the Dean of Sarum in the city of Sarum. The Dean is Archdeacon of the city and suburbs and of all prebends, which are

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answerable to the Bishop only for Peter's Pence, and for this only through the Dean.

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The Dean of Sarum to Ivo the Dean and to the Convent of Wells and to the church there. The rule with us is that the Archdeacon has no power over the prebends, super canonicos vel eorum clericos aut ipsorum parochianos.

fol. 29 in dors.

The canons are archdeacons in their own prebends, et clericos suos debent presentare Decano ad ordines, et Decanus Episcopo. Ex hiis liquet omnino esse contra nostras consuetudines ut presbetri vel clerici canonicorum submonitores sint archidiaconi vel apparatores.

Conventus Sarum ecclesie R. Epo, Bathon.

In answer to the questions of the Canons of Wells concerning the customs of our Sarum church.

For every deceased brother each canon presbiter facit trentenale missarum, et qui inferioris ordinis sunt xx psalteria, et preter hoc in communi faciunt omnes unum anniversale missarum scilicet unusquisque canonicus cujuscunque ordinis sit x missas; et unusquisque canonicorum archidiaconus est hominum suorum in prebenda sua, et ecclesie prebendarum in nullo obnoxie sunt archidiacono. Ubicunque sint canonici per licentiam Decani in communia participiant. Et omnes indifferend: vicarium habere debent preter illos qui in scolas sunt, vel Romam vadunt pro utilitate ecclesie. Licet tamen Episcopo tres habere canonicos capellanos, unum presbiterum, et unum diaconum et unum subdiaconum absque vicario, nullus tamen ab officio septimane immunis est. In omnibus solemnitatibus, ubicunque presentes sunt, canonici cum Episcopo, capellani sunt, et omne jus capellani cum capellanis eque participiant. In oblatione principalis altaris, sive cantet Eps. sive non, nunquam participiant capellani nisi fuerint canonici. Nunquam abesse debent canonici sive licentia.

H., the Dean and the Chapter of Sarum to the D. & C. of Wells.

Our custom is that the prebend of the deceased, whoever he may be, comes in for the use of the canons for one year, 2 parts go to the canons, one part is expended for the soul of the deceased, or in paying his debts, or in charity. Decanatus vero vel quilibet personatus ad universitatem non transit canonicorum nec respicit ad defunctum, sed Decanus vel persona talem debet relinquere decanatum vel personatum qualem recepit, cum tali videlicet instauramento quam receperit, et ita eum successor ipsius obtinebit. Verumtamen si plus relinquerit quam receperit pro anima ipsius debet erogari.

Grant by Bishop Joceline of the Manor of North Curry and the Church, which hitherto the D. & C. have held, towards the augmentation of the communa, saving due provision for a vicarage, of which the presentation is to be with the D. & C.

Given at Woky. in crastino S. Michael, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan; Pontificatus nostri anno 34°.

Similar concession of the Church of Cheddar, given at Wells die Beati Thome Martyris, in same year.

Similar grant of the Church of Mudeford upon the resignation by John Channel of the personatus, and by Eadulfus de Warevill of the vicarage, saving the rights of the Archdeacon. Given at Chiu. A.D. 1239.

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A slip inserted, containing the evidence of some of the villains of the Bishop of Bath and Wells concerning the homage of Lydyard.

fol. 30 in dors.

Similar concession of the Church of Lideard. Given at Chiu, In crast. S.S. Philippi & Jacobi, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan, pontificatus nostri anno 34°.

Similar concession of St Cuthbert's, Wells. Given at Kingsbury by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan, in crastino S. Germani, in the same year.

Charter of Richard de Wrotham.

Bishop Joceline, his successors and his men and the men of his fees and churches, are free de espeltamentis canum, et de pecunia danda pro espeltamentis.

fol. 31.

Charter of Bishop Robert de ordinatione prebendarum:—

We have found that the Church of Wells is intolerably afflicted by exactions; and, having taken council with the Archbishop, Bishops, and other religious persons of England, we divide the possessions of the church into prebends, in order to save them to the church and to escape lay exactions and intrusions.

We therefore make of Wedmoreland six prebends and the Deanery; and we assign the Church, &c. of Wedmore, &c. to the Sub-dean. A 2nd prebend we make of Bidesham, excepting one virgate of land, which is specially reserved for the repairs and ornaments of St Andrew's Church. The prebend is to find a vicar.

The Deanery is to pay £20 per annum to 4 Canons, *i.e.*, £5 to each. All surplus revenues and the Church of Woky to belong to the Deanery. Lutthune to be one prebend, attached to the Deanery. Withechurch one; Dultingchot and Chellecott one; Wrmestorre one; Wandestreu one; Winesham five, of which the church is one; the vill three, and this a canon is to hold and pay out of it two prebends, of 100 solidi each per annum, reserving the residue for himself. A 5th prebend is Bromley; Cumbe is assigned as one prebend to Reginald the Precentor in recognition of the benefits done to our Church by his uncle, of happy memory, Bishop John; upon the decease of Reginald three prebends and a chantry are to be formed of the vill itself, and the Church is to make a fifth. We ourselves give the Church of Yatton to form one; Hiwis also in Brentemarsh, and the Church of Cumton we give to form one. Half a hide in Wotton, with a virgate which Bishop Gyso gave to the Chapel of the Blessed Mary; and another half hide which Bishop Godefrid gave to St Cuthbert's Church in sua dedicatione, decimam quoque vini of our church of St Andrew, we grant.

Amplius ut nocturne canonicorum vigilie aliquid solatium sortiantur, de Chirsetis et decimis ad sepedictam S. Andree ecclm pertinentibus panem fieri constituimus canonicorum qui matutinis interfuerint, &c.

Given in the presence of Henry, Bishop of Winton, and afterwards confirmed by William of Canterbury, and Thurston of York, Archbishops; Roger of Sarum; William of Exon; Symon, &c. A.D. 1136.

A different and inferior hand.

fol. 31 in dors.

Petition of the Chapter to the Bishop for leave to elect a Dean in the place of Edward de la Cnoll deceased, die sabbati prox. post. festum exaltationis S. Crucis, sent to the Bishop by the hands of Master T. de Button, Archdn. of Wells. xi. kal. Oct. A.D. 1284.

N.B.—T. de Button is chosen.

The Licence granted by Bishop Robert.

Given at , kal. Oct. A.D. 1284.

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Mem. that a citation was sent to summon all Canons to the election of the Dean on Wednesday prox. post. fest. S. Martini.

The following are the names of the Canons who where absent, quorum littere citatorie tradite fuerint singulis vicariis eorundem. Ex parte Decani Nicholas de Crauford; Will' fil. Will[1]; Henr. de Grandisono; Malcolmus; Robt. de Fangfos; Nich. de S. Quintino; Thom. de Cherleton; Robt. de Waye; Rog. de Turkeby; Rogo. de Clare; Wills de Hameledon; Wills de Midelton; Walt. de Haselschagh; Walt. de Bathon; ex parte Precentoris, Abbas de Michel; Wills Burnell; Reg. de Legh; Joh. de Dereby; Henr. Husee; Barth[s] de Castell; Symon de Micham; Galf. de Haspale; Reymundus de Rading; Rad. de Freningh; Nich. de Wodeford; Rog. Baret; John de Kyrkeby; Ric. de Bamfield; Jacob de Hispan; Lodovic de Bello Campo; Thom. de Midelton; Gilbt. de S. Leof.: Abbas de Athel:; Th. de Gudyngton.

Cut out. fol. 32.

This and fol. 31 in dors are insertions of a later date on leaves which had been left blank. fol. 33.

Mem. On S. Mark's Day, A.D. 1308, it was ordered in a general convocation of all the Canons of Wells, by J. de Godele the Dean and the Chapter, that at all celebrations of the mass at the high altar omnes canonici, vicarii, et alii habitum portantes in choro, flectent devote genua dum elevatur hostia, et dum elevatur calix cum sanguine Christi.

Item . . . quod sacrista ecclesie pulset novam campanam dum elevatur hostia, et hoc quotienscumque celebratur missa in magno altari.

Item . . . quod firmarii communium bonorum eccl.: Wellen non solventes firmas debitas suis terminis, are not to share in the communa or offerings, until the arrears are paid.

Mem. Master Walt. de S. Quintin, Archdeacon of Tanton, and Prebendary of the Church of Milverton, annexed to the Archdeaconry, died xv. kal., Januar A.D. 1263.

The early good hand begins again. fol. 33 in dors.

Charter of Roger, capellanus, Canon of Wells and Rector of Chyuton, granting to the Church of S[t] Andrew and to the Chancellor for the use of the schools, his houses, &c. which had belonged to Reginald de Waltham. Edward de Kenelword is Chancellor. 12 denarii to be paid annually by the master of the school to John de Salton and his heirs, and 12 to Henr. de Waltham and his heirs, and 7 denarii are to be spent at the obit of Roger, 1 to the sacrist and 2 to the boys who are present, and 5 to the poor. The master to keep the school buildings in repair: a survey of them to be made annually by the Chancellor and other Canons. The master and scholars to be present at a celebration of the office of the dead annually on the anniversary of Roger, or upon some other fitting day. The scholars shall daily before they leave the school pray for the soul of Roger and his family; on every Wednesday and Friday when they come to school they shall sing an antiphon in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

Test. Ricar. de Wells; Master Walt. de Derham; Dn[s] Josceline, &c.

Charter of John de Palton de eodem.

Charter of Thomas Lock son of Master Adam Lock, cementarius, with the assent of his mother Agneta, and of Lambert the Sub-dean, and of Richard de Wells, Canons of Wells, exors of A. Lock; grants fol. 34.

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to Roger of Chyuton, chaplain to Bishop Joceline, the aforesaid houses, &c. &c. in consideration of the payment of 7 marcs to Thomas, and 3 to Agneta. Sealed by Th^{s}; Lambert; and Ric. de Wells.

Charter of Agneta de eisdem.

Test. Lambert, Subdean; Master Elyas de Derham, Senaschal of Bishop Josceline; Ricard. de Wells, Will. de Bechamstede, Canons of Wells; Master Vincent, Walter de Bridport, Ric. de Langport, Vicars of Wells; Walter the Chamberlain; Lawrence and Ivo prepositi of Wells; Deodatus and Thomas Noreis cementarii.

fol. 34 in dors. In another hand, Mem. There ought to be left in the Deanery upon a vacancy 24 boves of the value of 1 marc each; for. . . . Church land 6 boves, at 2 marcs each; 2 affri, worth 20 shillings; 1 taurus, value 12 shillings; 1 vacca, value 10 shillings; 1 aper, value 40 pence; 1 sus, value 2 shillings.

Item at Pilton which belongs to the Precentor, there ought to be 8 boves left for the successor.

Item at Wandestreu upon decease of the prebendary, there should remain 8 boves; 1 vacca; 1 affer; 1 careta ferro ligata vel unus currus, and una patella cum tripode.

These three entries are printed in Adam de Domesham, Vol. I., pp. 216–217.

fol. 34 in dors. A separate parchment sewed on has been torn off here.

Ordinatio dni Joscelini super Thesauraria Wellen, A.D. 1226.

Faded and difficult to read. Receipts.

From Martock Church Tithes. Equal in money £4 10^{s} 0^{d}.

There is also the tithe of hay.

Eggs at Easter. Wool. Lambs. Cheese.

Tithe of cows; the Columbarium, and the garden.

Also on S. Lawrence's day, received of the Prior of Otritton (Otterington), apud Mertok 100 shillings. Inde priori de Merton 53^{s} 4^{d}.

Item dictus Rector percipiet annuatim de Priore de Bruton de Ecclesia de Westbury 40^{s}.

Item de Archid. Well. 26^{s} 8^{d}; tenentium B^{i} Andreæ de redditibus tenementi Richardi 4lb cere, et residuum cere proveniens cum mortuis in ecclesia St Andree. The rents of the Canons' Grange. From the Rector of Wootton (? in Pilton) 100 lbs of wax . . . . &c. The Treasurer shall pay as stipend to a sacrist 20^{s} per annum; to a Clerk of S. Mary 7^{s} 8^{d}; shall keep in repair the vestments, and supply mats [nata] in the choir to the value of 3^{s}; shall pay a stipend of 3^{s} for a washerwoman for the vestments. Item inveniet focum pro cera facienda cum uncto et ad eukaristiam faciendam; Item inveniet lumen ardens in mortar; Item cordas pro campanis pulsandis, et ad velum quadragesimale; Item cirrpos per estatem. Item 4^{or}lb cere et amplius coram magno altare, et in ecclesia thus.

Ista copia scripta fuit et extracta de quodam exteriori folio veteris missalis de Mertok, tempore Magistri Thoma de Retford, Cancellar, et scripta hic per manus Roberti de Notingham, clerici dicti domini Cancellar.

fol. 35. Charter of Peter the Dean, and the Chapter.

Roger the canon to hold, and dispose as he will of our houses which had belonged to Master Peter Canute, in consideration of 20 marcs which the said Roger paid on our behalf to Hernisius de Duneheved, who had made a claim upon us in the King's court; saving to us 6 pence, and to the lord of the fee 12 pence rent.

By the hand of Master Richard, the Chancellor. A.D. 1235.

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Charter of Roger. Granting to the D. & C. the said houses to be a canonical house, saving the above named rents, and 10 shillings to be spent upon his own anniversary, in the usual manner.

Test. Ric. the Chancellor; Henr. the Treasurer; Will. the Subdean; Ric. de Wells, Rad. de Warevilla; Canons; Walter de Bridport, Walt. de Wedmore, Daniell de Bristoll, Vicars of Wells. A.D. 1235. Id. Jan.

Inspeximus of the above by the D. & C. A.D. 1235. 19th k a Feb.

Decision of Bishop Joceline de Suth-barwe.

Alwredus son of Robert de Ponsand, lord of Suth-barwe, and Matilda his mother who held the same as dowry, and Thomas de Alditheford, clerk, whom they had presented to the said church, on the one part; and the D. & C. of Wells who claim the presentation as having had a grant of it from the grandfather of the said Alwredus, confirmed by Bishop Reginald on the other part.

The parties submit the case to the Bishop, who decides that inasmuch as the D. & C. have had ab antiquo a pension of 2 solidi from the said church, and that Alwredus de Ponsond, lord of South Barwe, grandfather of the present A. granted the church to the D. & C., all presentations are theirs, but that for this turn they present the said Thomas de Alditheford. Because the church is poor, it shall no longer pay the 2 solidi mentioned above.

Given at Wells. Id. Marci. A.D. 1237.

Charter of Alwred de Ponsot de eodem.

Charter of Stephen the Prior, and the Canons of Taunton. fol. 36.

Bishop Reginald and his successors to have full jurisdiction over their churches, excepting the Chapels of S. James, and S. George de fonte, and of S. Margaret of the Sick, and of S. Peter de Castello.

The Church of Aissa in capitulo de Spakest, and the Church of Wipele in capitulo de Dunestor tanquam matrices ecclesie respondeant. Canons who hold our benefices to be answerable to the Bishop.

Test. Will. Abbot of Keynsham; Galfrid, Sarum; Thom. Wellen; Rad. Bathon; Ric. Constance, Archid.; Master Walter, Prior of Berliz; Joceline the Chaplain, Will. the Chaplain; Master Alexander; Master Gilbert de Axebrige: Master Roger, &c.

Agreement made between Reinald, Bp. of Bath, and William son of Richard de Mauleberg, about 7 acres near the wood of Wokiole, and a meadow of 5 acres at Poulesham.

Test. Joceline, Bishop of Sarum; Master Walter, precentor of Sarum; Thomas, Archdn. Wells; Baldwin. Sar. Kancell.; Master Rad. de Lechlade; Joceline, Chaplain; Galfride de Northweg; Master Robert de Geldeford; Stephan de Torn, Canon of Wells; Daniel de ponte; Galfrid, clerk; Master Roger; Stephan de Rading; Rad. de S. Georgio; Galfrid de S. Georgio; Ada de Erleg; Matthew de Gorm'ton, Philip de Wyka; Ric. de Ken; Peter de Chiu &c.

Henr. filius Pagani de Panebrige, constitutus in presentia . . . . Roberti quondam Bath, et Rogeri, Wingorn, episcoporum, tacto S. Evangelisto et Srum reliquiis cum patre meo Pagano, et consanguineis meis Rog. Witenig scilicet cum fratribus suis, Will., Robt., & Gilbt. de Almari, Osbert quoque de Bathon, et Rad Denebold cum fratre suo Robt., renounces all claims which they had made in Winesham, Wermestorra

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Modeslega, and to a virgate in Bideshame, and Merke, and to the service of Rainer de Wandestrou, and afterwards confirmed this before Bishop Reginald.

Test. Eustach filius Stephani; Savaracus de Vaus, &c.

fol. 36 in dors. Edict de eodem. A.D. 1164. Id. Marcí.

The above-named Henry &c. are nepotes Reginaldi presentoris.

In consideration of the said renunciation, Ric. the Dean and the Canons fide-jussoriam eis de 70 marcis numerandis cautione prestiterunt, ex quibus eodem die reddiderunt quindecim marcas et decem solidos.

Test. Ricard, the Dean of Wells; Reginald, the Precentor; Galfrid, the Succentor; Godefrid, Wingorn.

Compositio super eccl. de Staweia.

William, the Prior of Godclive and the Convent on the one part, and Leonius, Dean of Wells & the C. on the other submit to J. Bishop of Bath and Glaston, their claims to the above.

The Bp. decides that the Convent of G. is to have the church, and pay 40 solidi sterling yearly to the Chapter of Wells.

Test. Maurice, Archid. Land; Morinus, Dec' de Langist; Durand, Ghobia, William, chaplains: Matilda de Candos.

Letter of the convent to the Bishop.

fol. 37. Charter of Savaric, Bp. of B. & G.

On the presentation of Symon Buzum, knight, has given to Rainald, his son, a clerk, 100 solidi in ecclesiis de Karenton, nomine Wellensis prebende, to be paid yearly by the hands of Gilbert Gemel in the name of the Convent of Bath.

Test. Galfrid Berluz, Archid.; Master Alan; Master Robert, &c.

William the Abbot of Kainesham, and G., the Prior of Bruiton announce to Robert the Archdeacon that they have been appointed by Pope Celestine to adjudicate between Roger the parson of Staweia and Robert, chaplain of Otterhameton upon a question concerning the small tithes of Halesheg. It is decided that Robert is to have the tithes, but find a wax candle quatuor denariorum.

Commission issued by Pope Urban to R. de Ford and W. de Binedon, abbots, and to R. Dean of Wells, to adjudicate in the above case, concerning decimationes de moxilla.

fol. 37 in dors. Test. William a monk of Ford; Master Richard chaplain; Master William de Spacheston.

Confirmation by Bishop Joceline of the grant made by Mathildis de Chandos to St. Andrew's, Wells, of the church of Staweia.

Test. Master Rad. de Lechdale; Master Robt. de Gildefort; Joceline, chaplain; Hermann de Wivelscumb.

Inspeximus by Henry de Tracy of a grant made by Oliver de Tracy, his father, of the church of South Bovey to Bp. Joceline and to S. Andrew's Wills. Test. Galf. de Wandestreu; Robt. de Sechevill; Master Robt. de Geldeford; Joceline, chaplain.

Test. to the Inspeximus Robt. de Courtenay; Henr. de Lapumeraye.

fol. 38. Inspeximus of the last by John, Bp. of Exon.

Test. Walter, Prior of Bath; Robt. de Gildeford, Archd. of Bath,

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Charter of Robert de Kari, dominus de Luintune (Lovington).
Grants to St Andrew the Advowson of Lovington and 1 hide of land, de centum et sexaginta acris, nec de meliori nec de pejori, in two parts of 80 acres each, and also a messuage near the church, ad magnitudinem dominici messuagii.
Test. Alexander the Dean of W. & Master Robt. de Doneheved.

Charter of Nichol. de Barewe.
In consideration of the good conversation of the Canons of Wells, et surgentis eccle. sue laudabilis structura, he gives to augment their communa his church of Luvinton for the term of his life, upon an annual payment of unam aureum vel duos sol. Has sworn to this in Capitulo apud Kari. Cf. fol. 61.

Confirmation by Bishop Reinald of Robert de Lovintun's Charter.
Test. Master Alexander the Dean of W.

Charter of Alanus de Furnell. fol. 38 in dors.
Grants with the assent of Galfrid his heir, to S. Andrew, Cudworth and the chapel of Cnoll.
Test. Helya fil Robti. Will. Malherba, &c.

Confirmation by Aalicia de Vallibus of the grant of the Advowson of Aishulle, made to Bp. Joceline by her son, Robt. de Vallibus.
Test. Ricard. Abbas de Muchelney.

Charter of Alan de Furnell; same as above.
Test. Master Walter, Prior of Bokland; Will. persona de Cerd; Joceline, chaplain &c.

Confirmation by Bishop Reginald of the grant made to S. Andrew, by Symon Briton of S. Decuman's church.
Test. Alex. the Dean of W. &c.

An extra sheet sewed on to foot of page, in a smaller hand.
Charter of Benedict, Abbot of Aling. . . granting to Bp. Joceline the Advowson of Ilton.
Test. Ric. Abbas de Muchelney; Master Helias de Derham; Master John de Ileford; Master Will. de Woll; Helyas, chaplain; Will. de Hamme, &c.

Charter about Ilton, very indistinct.

Agreement made between Robert, Abbot of Align, and John the Chancellor of Wells, concerning lands &c. at Ilton.

Charter of Gilbert de Perci granting to S. Andrew on the petition of Bp. Reginald, the Church of Childecumton. The "Child" crossed out in II. fol. 388. fol. 39.
Test. Henr. Exonie, &c.

Confirmation of the last by Bp. Reginald.
Test. Alex. the Dean of W.

Conf. by Bp. Reginald of the grant of Cudworth made by Alan de Fernull.

Charter of Robt. de Wells granting to Bp. Joceline the Advowson of Eshull.
Test. J. Bp. of Norwich.

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Confirmation by Bp. Reginald of the Charter of James de Monte Sorell granting the church of Withlackington.

Charter of James de Monte Sorello de eodem.

Charter of Robert fil. Ursi granting to S. Decuman's, 20 acres of arable and 2½ acres of meadow; *i.e.* 2 acres by the Cross towards Westchet; in Ulnindone 3½ acres; in Willeburg 5½; in Langlode 4; ad caput de la Cnoll 3; in Firgrave 2; in Smedemede 2½ of meadow. Also one acre que vocatur acra ad capud de lapole ad faciendam unam Mansionem capellani qui divina celebrabit in capella de Wilinton.
The advowson of the chapel of Wileton is also given to S. Decuman's.
Test. Will. Tunerū.

fol. 40. Charter of Simon Briton, son of Simon Briton, granting S. Decuman's church to Bp. Reginald.

Confirmation by Bp. Reginald of the grant of the church of Timberscume made to S. Andrew, by Cecilia de Timberscume, & Cristina & Alice & Sarra, sisters, with the consent of their husbands R. fil Durand, J. de Columpstock, & Nich fil Willelmi.

Charter of Cecilia, Cristina, Alicia, Sarra de eodem. The husband's names are Roger fil D; John de Columpstock; & Nich. fil Willi.

Charter of Ricard. de Cnoll resigning all claim to the Advowson of Cnoll.

fol. 40 in dors. Confirmation by Savaric, Bp. of B. & G. of the grant made to the church of Wells by Bp. R. of the tithes of all mills in the Manor of Wells.

Charter of Bp. Reginald, de eodem.

Confirmation by Bishop Saveric of the gift of house and land in Wells made to S. Andrew by Lambert and Surtheva or Surcheva his wife.

Charter of Roger, Abbot of Atheling, granting to Bp. Joceline the tithes in Puttenye [Pitney] and Wern in the parish of Hiwis, ipse vero predictas decimas dedit in dotem ecclesie de Hiwis in dedicatione ipsius. Given at Athelney in Chapter die S. Mauricii et sociorum, pontificatus Epi 26°. A.D. 1231.

Charter of Sibilla de Ewias, domina de Burneham, recognizing the rights of Helias the chaplain and the Canons of Wells, in Hywis in Burnham.

fol. 41. Charter of Savaric. South Brent and Hiwis to form one prebend, annexed to the Archdeaconry. Test. Alex. the Dean.

The same.

Charter of Henr. Abbot of Glaston, granting to S. Andrew the church of S. Brent. The Archdn. who holds it as a prebend to do fealty to the Abbey.
Test. Dns Hugo Dunelm. Ep.
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Another copy of Savaric's charter.

Confirmation by Bp. Reginald of the grant of Pilton and S. Brent churches made by Abbot Henry.

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Charter of Martin de Karscumb. Gives to S. Andrew 3 marcs, silver, for the new building, and 2 marcs for the repairs of the Chapel of S. Mary there, to be paid out of the revenues of Maperton assigned to me by domns. H. de Novo Mercatu in payment of a debt, &c.
Test. Baldwin chaplain.

Charter of Ric. Abbot of Muchelney. Grants to S. Andrew the church of Iliministre. A.D 1201. Masses will be celebrated at Muchelney on the decease of a Dean or Precentor of Wells, as for their own Prior; on the decease of a Bishop, as for their own Abbot.

Note. Desunt quatuor Cartæ de Clyve, No. 161–164. Vide Reg. II. sive Lib. Rub. fol. 35. fol. 42. Missing.

Charter of J. Bp. of B. & G. fol. 43.
Upon the decease of Master Hugh de Wilton, parson of Chiu, and of Stephen de Tornaco parson of Welinton, these two churches to pay 10 marcs each, nomine beneficii, for the service of the glorious Virgin in our Church at Wells.
Given at Donteysare. A.D. 1215.

Confirmation of the last by the D. & C. of Wells.

Charter of Wills. Fains Arturus granting to Josceline, Bp. of Bath, the advowson of the Church of Weston.
Test. Thomas de Cirencester, Vicecom, Sumerst & Dorset; John de Peanton; Henr. de Campo Florido; Wills, Seneschal of the Bp.; Baldwyn de Wayford; Thoms de Altavilla; Will. de Bonevill, &c.

Charter of Bp. Josceline de domibus Decani Willi de Merton. The Dean to have the houses, &c. which Peter de Cycester, formerly Dean, had, and which lie between the houses of Richard the Chancellor, and Henr. of London, Canons. By the hands of Master Walter de Maydenestan, in the Chapter 13 kal. Oct. A.D. 1236.

Charter of Bp. Josceline. The Hospital of St John to have a chantry, and bells, and a cemetary for the burial of brethren qui signati sunt, et sub signo viventes, ibidem conversati. Saving all rights of the D. & C.

A leaf sewn on has been cut off. fol. 43 in dors.

Charter of Bp. Josceline. Grants to the D. & C. the Church of Cungresbury to augment the communa. A vicar to be appointed with one third of the revenues, viz. in omnibus minutis decimis, legatis, et obventionibus altaris, et in tertia portione decimarum bladi vicario qui pro tempore fuerit remansura, quatenus minute decime, legata et obventiones altoris ad plenam tertiam partem non sufficiunt. The parson's curia to belong to the D. & C. and another house near the church to be found for the vicar. A lawful taxation of the benefice reserved to the Bishop. Arrangements are made about woods and payment of fees. Given at Wells in festo S. S. Philip. & James, A.D. 1237.

Charter of Bp. Joceline de jurisdictione urbis et suburbii. The Dean debet cognoscere causas. In his absence the Subdean. The household of the Bishop to be judged by him or his officers, and all fines inflicted upon any one subject to the Bp, to go to the fabric of the Church without diminution. Fines inflicted upon others to go to the presiding judge, deducting the stipend of the common apparitor. The officials to keep a common roll of their Acts. fol. 44.
Same date as the last.

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Charter of Alexander de Muddesleg, about an exchange of lands with Peter the Dean.
Boundaries given.
Test. Ric. de Cuntevill; Waltr. Camerar.

A commission has been issued by the Pope to John, Abbot of Ford, Unfred the Prior there, and to Baldwin the Prior of Axminster, to decide a question between Alex the Dean & the C. of Wells on the one part, and Ernisius, a Canon of Wells on the other, concerning land at Bidesham, which he held as a prebend.

fol. 44 in dors. Bp. Savaric's confirmation of the decision, viz., that the land is to be held for life by Ernisius, and then be applied to the use of the fabric of the Church; E. meanwhile paying 40 solidi yearly to the fabric. E. to have all the privileges of a canon, but is not bound to reside, nor to provide a vicar at Wells.

Similar charter by Alex the Dean.

Charter of Bp. Joscelline.
The Church of Evercreech which until now has belonged to the Treasurership is to revert to the Bishop, and the Treasurership is to have the Church of Mertek, saving the interest therein of the Abbey of S. Michael de periculo maris &c. &c.

fol. 45. Charter of Bp. Savaric, grants, for the augmention of the communa of the canons, the Church of Lydeard.

Charter of Alex. de Rodolio and Wills de Safuble al^s Desafuble. Grant of the Church of Estun to S. Andrew & the Bp. in prebendam.
Test. Wills. Elvens. Eps.; Godefr. Wmt.

Confirmation by Bp. Reginald.

A question about precedence had arisen at a Synod held in the Cathedral at Bath in the month of April in the 4th year of Honorius III. between Peter, Dean of Wells, and R. Prior of Bath. The Bp. decides that the Prior is to sit upon his right hand, but that this is not to carry any jurisdiction or increase of authority, &c. A.D. 1219.

fol. 45 in dors. Charter of Bp. Joceline about Lydiard.
Confirms Savaric's grant. The Church is to go to augment the communa, & a vicar is to be provided.
Given in the Chapter at Wells. Crastino S. Mich. A.D. 1213.

Charter of Bp. Rainaud. Grants and confirms to S. Andrew the 40 solidi which the Canons of Bruton are bound to pay annually out of the Church of Banwell and the Church of Westbere, for the supply of a wax taper to burn continually before the High Altar at Wells.

Charter of Bp. Robert about Bidesham.
The Prebend of B. given to Herbert of Ilchester on this tenure, that if the prebend which has been given to Richard Pictavensis fall vacant, he is to have it, and restore B. to the Church of Wells; and meanwhile he is to pay 20 solidi yearly for the use of the Church.

Charter of Ric. Bp. of Wynton addressed to the Justiciaries.
Has decided a question which had arisen between the Church of Wells and Walerand de Wellesleg, his wife and her sister about land at Bidesham. The Church accepts a money payment, and W. receives 20 solidats of land.

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Confirmation by Bp. Rainald of the gift to S. Andrew of half a virgate in Northam, made by Galfrid Talebot.

Charter of Philip, Prior of Briwton, acknowledging their obligation to pay 40 solidi yearly to Wells. fol. 46.

Ivo the Dean &c. Confirm the grant of half a hide, and half a virgate at Dultinchote made to Radulf Martire by Bp. Robert. R. is to supply yearly one wax candle 3 lbs. weight, and two of 2 lbs. each.
Test. Reg. Precentor.

Charter of Bp. Robert as above to Rad. Martire "qui per longa tempora nobis servierat, &c."

Charter of J. Bp. of B. & G. provides, with the assent of the D. & C., that if the vicarage of Kingsbury now held by Radulf, chaplain, falls vacant during the life of Thomas, now Chancellor of Wells, the presentation shall belong to the D. & C., after the death of the Chancellor the presentation shall belong to his successors. fol. 46 in dors.
Given in the Chapter in Crastino S. Mich. A.D. 1213.

Bp. Savaric. The saints are the friends of sinful man, "inter omnes autem sanctos memoria Dei genetricis eo jocundius agitur, quo pro fidelibus sedula creditur interventrix existere, et apud Deum majorem noscitur gratiam optinere"; wherefore having taken counsel with the Chapter we ordain that "in Ecclesia ipsa continua ejusdem Dei genetricis virginis habeatur memoria, et in ejus veneratione missa diebus singulis solempniter celebretur"; and also a daily mass for all benefactors, &c.
Ten pounds to be paid to the chaplains appointed for this service; five of them to be paid out of the revenue of the Archdeaconry which Maurice de Berkely holds: and five by the Church of Chard. Future chaplains to be appointed by the Chapter.

Charter of Josceline Bp. of B. & G.
Robert the Prior of Bath, &c. having granted to the Bishop all their rights in the advowson of Dogmersfield and 20 solidi of yearly pension, he with the consent of L. the Dean and the C. of Wells makes a prebend of this 20 solidi, and appoints to it Luke one of the Canons.
Given in the Chapter, in Pascha, Pontificat anno nono.

Inspeximus by Archbishop Richard of a Charter of Henry II. There has been a suit between R. Bp. of Bath, and Henry de Tilli concerning the Manor of Dogmersfield which the Bp. claims as part of his demesne; and concerning the fee of Dinra, which the Bp. says that Godfrid de Dindra ought to hold of him in capite: but which Henry claims to hold of the Bishop. Talis concordia facta fuit.
Henry resigns into my hands the Manor of Dogmersfield, &c., and I [according to the grant made by my grandfather Henry to the Church of Bath which I have inspected] have given it to the Church of Bath, and to Bp. Reginald as demesne. Henry also in similar manner resigns the fee of Dinra, and I give it to the Bishop to be held of him in capite by G. de Dinra & his heirs per servitium unius militis. The Bishop pays 100 marcs to Henry de Tilli, &c.
Test. Rog. Archid. Ebor.

H. Bp. of Exon, has upon the presentation of Bp. Savaric, admitted John de Tinemuth to the Church of Aulescumb; quam ecclesiam ex-

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inspectione instrumentorum domini fundi et bone memorie J. predecessoris nostri Wellensis eccle nomine prebende novimus esse collatam.

Given at Ferendon 8th kal. Marc Pontificat nostri anno sexto A.D, 1199.

Charter of Josceline Tresminet'.

Gives to S. Andrew and to Bp. Rainald the Church of Aulescumb in prebendam.

fol. 47 in dors.

Confirmation by John Bp. of Exon of the last, which had been made "in presentia nostra."

Another copy of the Charter of Bp. H. above.

Charter of Bp. Savaric.

On the petition of Hugh Lumbard, Canon of Wells, parson of Warminster, has given to Stephen clerk of Haversham the share which William brother of Stephen had in that church, saving a pension of 4 marcs which Stephen pays to the said Hugh.

Confirmation by G. Bp. of London of the grant to S. Andrew in prebendam, of the advowson of the Church of Scaldeford made by the noble Hamo fil. Galfr. and Robert his heir to his venerable brother Reginald Bp. of Bath and to the Church of S. Andrew, Wells.

The last two lines of this charter follow on the top of fol. 49. Fol. 48 is in a different hand, and another fol. here has been cut out.

fol. 48.

Charter of Hamo fil Gaufr. granting Scaldeford Church.

His wife is Agneta. Richard is the parson and holds it for life.

Hanc autem concessionem feci in manum venerabilis patris mei Reginaldi Bath Epi per aureum annulum.

Test. Ric. Archid. Bath; Teste presente et consentiente Rob. herede meo; Simon fil pon . . . ; . . . tro de Wynton; . . ; . . clerico fil Bal. . . . Reg. russ . . . . de Dunep; Tests et hiis, Walter Giffard; Rad. fil Savar; Ivo de Garton; Martin de Wellen.

Charter of Robert fil Hamonis fil Gaufr. de eodem.

Test Josceline Bp. Sarum; Ric. Archid. Bath; Robt. Prior; Jordan Sub-Prior Briuton; Will. Sacrist, Sireburne; Peter de Wynton; Will. fil. Bald; Gilbert de Exon; Walter chaplain; Philip de S. Edwardo; Baldwin clerk; Rad. fil Sav.; Daniel and Peter, brethren; Gaufr. & Will. de S. Georgio, &c.

Inspeximus of the confirmation of G. Bishop of London above by Ric. Bp. of London.

Test. Gilbert, Archid, Middelsex; Ric. de Windr' and John Wrcens, canons; Master Roger, and Alan, and Berenger, chaplains; Master Alex. Will. de Ely; Rad. de S. Paulo; Ric. chaplain; Will. de Harfold; Hugh, clerk; Gerbase and Robt., chaplains; John de Waltham, &c.

Edward the Dean of Wells and the C. accept the bequest of Hugh the Treasurer, and establish a missa matutinalis for his soul, for which the Succentor is to be responsible. The stipend is 6 marcs. Sibilla relict of John de Laverton is mentioned, apparently as executrix.

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Resumes the original hand.

Inspeximus by the D. & C. of Wells [a space left vacant for the Dean's name] of a Charter of Bp. Savaric, granting to the Abbey of

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Muchelney, on account of its poverty, omnes garbe of their church at Sumerton, saving to the vicar or to the monks who serve the church, totum altelagium in terris arabilibus, and the small tithes, &c.

Inspeximus by Robt. Prior of Bath of the same.

Charter of Savaric. Grants, with the assent of the D. & C., that Abbot Benedict of Athelney and his successors become Canons of Wells, holding the prebend of Sutton; and that they have the stall next to the Sub Dean. They are not to be bound to residence, but must provide a vicar with 4 marcs stall wages.

Charter of King William addressed to Abbot Ailnod and Tovi Vicecomes, &c. Has granted the vill of Wynesham to Bp. Giso for the use of the Canons of Wells.

Confirmation by Bp. Savaric of the grant made by Bishops Robert and Rainald of the Manor of Cumba to the office of Cantor and to the Cantaria.
Test. Helyas, Chaplain.

Confirmation by Thomas the Precentor and the Chapter of an ordinance made by Bp. Joceline (in partibus transmarinis) with the consent of Rad., the Dean & some of the brethren; viz., that, after the departure of Will., of Cerd, out of the Manor of Cumba 100 solidi be paid to one prebend; 10 marcs each to 10 prebends; and a prepositura be made and given to one of the above 10 prebends. The prepositus to pay 10 marcs to the Canons of Wells, and retain 10, besides the 10 which he has from the prebend; he shall also have any residue "nomine prepositure." Canons to pay 2 marcs to their vicars as stall wages. The prepositus shall also have the Church of Cumba to enable him to bear the burdens of the office.
In order to prevent any change in the number of prebends it is agreed that upon the cession of Richard, (the officer who receives the value of one prebend "de camera Epi" out of the receipts from the Archdeaconry of Wells,) the Bishop shall be freed from that payment, &c.

Charter of P. the Dean, W. the Sub Dean, and the C. Consent to the union of the Prepositure of Cumba and Wynesham. fol. 50.

Charter of Radulf fil. Willi. granting to S. Andrew and to Bp. Reginald in prebendam, the Church of Warminster.

Inspeximus by Will. Bp. of Ely, Legate, and Chancellor of the King, of the charters of King Henry I. and King Richard, granting to Robert de Piron the land and the Church in Warminster; and of the grant made as above by his heir Radulf fil Willi: and conclusion of a controversy between Bishop Reginald, and Hugh de Haverelham then possessor of the Church. Given at Windlesora. 7 kal. Maii.

Wills. Malet has settled a controversy about a hide and a half of land with the Church of S. Dionisius of Warminster, by giving a virgate in Babington, "et rusticum qui eam tenet." Will. fil Regin. is advocatus ecclesie.

End of a controversy between the Church of Wells and Gerbert de Perci concerning lands on the bounds of Wytechurch prebend, and Chilecumton. G. to hold one half upon an annual payment to the prebendary of 1 lb. of pepper, and swearing fealty to the Church of

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Wells, and to the canon who holds that prebend. Payment to be enforced "ecclesiastica districcione."

Letter of P. Archbishop and Legate to R. Bp. of Bath. Has heard that Philip de Furnel the adversary of the canons of Wells, has not obeyed citations, refuses to acknowledge the rights of the Church of Wells, &c., if it is so restrain this wicked man "ecclesiastica sententia a tanta temeritate," and see that the same is done by our brother R. Bp. of Exon.

Charter of Bp. Josceline about the Manor and Church of Wynescumb. Recites, "in dedicatione eccle nostre Wellen. quam die S. Romani mense Novembris, A.D. 1239 in honore S. Andree apostolorum mitissimi dedicavimus." Printed in Adam de Domerham Vol. I. p. 252.

fol. 51.

Charter of Bp. Josceline.

Richard de Dynam, Rector of Merk, which is in our presentation, resigned it "in majori eccla Wellen" on Wednesday, prox post fest S.S. Symon & Jude A.D. 1242, we in consideration of the long controversy between the D. & C. on the one part and the Rectors of M. on the other, with the consent of John Saracenus and our Chapter of Wells, ordain that the said church be henceforth annexed to the Dean's prebend of Wedmore; "et quod una cum quatuor prebendis de viginta libris quas Decani Wellen facere solent et debent de dignitate decanatus in eccla Wellen ad donationem nostram et successorum nostrum spectantes, faciat de cetero quicunque pro tempore fuerit Decanus Wellen quintam prebendam de quatuor libris de dicta prebenda de Wedmor et ecclesia de Merk in eccla. Wellen quam conjungendam duximus prebende de viginti solidis in eccla. Wellen qui canonico dicte prebende reddi solent . . . de ecclesia de Dogmeresfeld, &c."

This united prebend to follow the same rules as all others, though it is attached to the Deanery.

Given in the Chapter A.D. 1242 & same day as above.

Charter of Bp. Josceline.

Recites his anxious desire from the first to promote the honour and glory of the worship of God, by building, &c. His Church.

Seeing that this has now in great part been accomplished; and that whereas the Church was formerly poor, it has now been much enriched, the allowances may be increased. Seeing then that the Dean, John Sarracenus and the Chapter have placed the matter in my hands absolutely I therefore order that in place of all former arrangements and daily distribution of bread, as follows:

We and our successors shall receive for every day we are at Wells or coming or going thence, "octo denarios pro communia cotidiana et quinque denarios pro pane quem prius habere solebamus per diem sex denarios et quatuor panes albos." The Dean, Precentor, Archdeacon, Chancellor, and Treasurer, who used to receive per diem 6 pence for daily commons, and two white loaves and two black, shall for the future have for every day they are in Wells or coming to it, or going from it, 8 pence for daily commons and 4 pence for bread.

All other canons shall in like manner receive 4 pence for commons, and 2 for bread, who formerly received 3 pence and one white and one black loaf per day.

The vicars shall each, in lieu of the commons of bread which they used to receive according to the scale of the Grange, have 1 penny, provided that they are present at matins and other canonical hours,

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unless they are absent for sufficient cause and in the town and have leave from the Dean or Subdean.

Every one else who used to have bread commons daily from the Grange, shall receive 1 penny; those who had half commons shall have a halfpenny.

But if it should happen, (quod absit,) that the receipts of the Grange out of which the bread used to be provided fail, [ad dictam distributionem denarii pro pane per annum non posse sufficere] let the payment of pence in place of bread cease from the time that the supplies failed, until the end of the year.

We hope however and believe that sufficient provision has been made for all.

As regards the distribution of the residue at the end of the year among the parsons and the canons resident in the town, it is to be made according to the above rules, reserving a sufficient instauramentum and other necessary things.

Residentiaries who are entitled to share in the residue, are the canons who have resided in the town per medium annum sive continue sive interpollatim.

But the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor and Treasurer shall participate only if they have been resident for two thirds of the year continuously or interpollatim, &c.

Sealed by the Bishop, and the Dean and C.

Given in the Chapter of Wells 16 kal. Nov. A.D. 1242.

Another hand and also fol. 53. fol. 52.

J. de Godele, Dean & the C. to Bp. William.

Have presented John Tappyng to the first chantry founded for Dean Henry Husee, &c., & beg for his institution.

v. Id. Nov. A.D. 1307.

Similar presentation of Thomas de Milverton to the second chantry founded for the soul of the said Dean H. Husee.

A.D. 1307. Convention between the D. & C. and Ric. de Plymstocke; Rog. Huse; Robt. Fayremay; Rog. de Milverton; & John de Bampton; exors of the will of Dean Husee. The D. & C. to pay £10 sterling yearly to the two chaplains John Tapping and Thomas de Milverton, and their successors: £6. 16*s*. 8*d*. of it to the chaplains for food and raiment, 20 shillings to them for celebrating the obit in the choir; 40 shillings to the poor; 8 pence "ad opus sacriste pro classicis in memoria dicti H. Huse pulsandis;" 2 shillings to the communarius and 8 pence to the eschaetor for making the distribution.

The said chaplains shall daily and in person say placebo, dirige, and commendatio . . . "ante pulsationem secunde prime" for the souls of the said Henry and his family; of Robt. Burnel and Will. de Marchia, Bps. of B. & W., of Peter Bp. of Exon; of the King and Margaret his consort; his eldest son Edward, and all his children; of Walter Bp. of B. & W.; and John de Godelee, Dean, and of all the canons "cum subtracti fuerint ab hac luce." For the souls also of John de Button "quondam prepositus" Well.; of Reginald Huse; of John de Bremmor; of Thomas Oweyn, and Alice his wife; &c. fol. 52 in dors.

They shall also celebrate daily masses at the two new altars near the entrance of the choir.

The chaplains are bound by oath to these duties; and are perpetual, not vicars.

Detailed regulations for appointment of chaplains, &c.

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A.D. 1311. die S. Mich. dmns. H. de Corston, Rector of Burnham, paid to the D. & C. of Wells, a pension of £10, &c. "pro expensis procuratorum missorum ad concilium, &c."

fol. 53 in dors.

Another hand.

Manumission.
Edward the Dean & the C. of Wells, omnibus, &c.
William son of Roger de Barton "nativus manerii nostri de Wynescumb," has been bought into liberty from us by Thomas Corbyn, vicar of Wynescumb. He and his are free.
A.D. 1262.

Inspeximus by Edward the Dean of the Charter of Bp. William in which he granted to William Buscel son of Richard Buscel a virgate of land in Cumpton, &c., &c.
Test. Dn^s Jordan la War; Adam le hyreis; Reginald Long; Ric. Vassal; Will. Russel; Pagan de Lodewelle; Will. de Wolfareshull; Simon de Britton; Nich. Coppe.
A.D. 1262.

fol. 54.

The old early hand again.

Robert, Prior of Bath and the Convent, announce to Pope Innocent, that in conjunction with the Dean and Chapter of Wells they have exercised their right, and chosen Josceline to be bishop, &c.
Ask for his confirmation.
Note. "Hanc cartam sequuntur subscriptiones omnium Monachorum Bathon."

A similar letter from Dean Alexander of Wells.

Similar notification to the Archbishop, made by the Convent of B., and the Chapter of Wells.

fol. 54 in dors.

Similar notification made to the Pope by the Bishops W. London; E. Hereford; R. St Asaph; H. Land; R. Bangor; T. Menevens.

Process of the Election.
The convent of Bath chose Robt. their Prior; John, the Sub-prior; Master Hammo and Brother Martin, monks, to exercise their powers in conjunction with the D. & C. of Wells.

Petition of King John to the Legate J. for confirmation of the said election.
At Dokermaresfeld, 23^d April.

fol. 55.

The same Bishops as above notify the election to the Legate, the consent of the king, and pray for confirmation of it. They are thus acting because the see of Canterbury is vacant.

A similar notification by the D. & C. to the Pope, with grievous complains of the ills which have followed from the length of time the see has been vacant. They cannot be ignorant of the worth of Joceline, "cum in sinu ecclesie nostre a primo lacte coaluerit." All have joined in approving the choice, both clerks and people. They earnestly pray for confirmation of it.

fol. 55 in dors.

A similar notification and petition to the Legate by R. Bishop of Bangor.

Notification by the above proctors of Bath Abbey.

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Notification by the Convent of their appointment of proctors.

The form of election agreed upon between the Churches of Bath and Wells. fol. 56.

The Prior & Convent of Bath and the Dean & Canons of Wells, are to meet together in some fitting place. The Prior is to take the lead and announce the name of the person elected. But if the Prior be chosen then the Dean is to make the announcement, &c.

The Bishops W. of London; T. Roffen; H. of Exon; H. of Sarisbur; E. of Elyen; T. of Covent.; M. of Wygorn; J. of Norwic; W. of Lincoln; S. of Cicest^{r}; P. of Winton; to the Pope praying for the confirmation of Joceline.

The Bishops to the same effect, to the Legate. fol. 56 in dors.

R. Bp. of Bangor the same, to the Pope.

Notification by the Convent of Bath to the King of their choice of proctors.

Appointment of proctors by the Chapter of Wells, viz. Alex. the Dean; William the Precentor; Thomas the Subdean; and Master Rad. de Lechlade, canon. fol. 57.

The above elect Josceline.

Quite a different but early hand.
Confirmation by Pope Gregory of the election of Dean J. Saracenus, and of the right of the Chapter to elect a Dean from among their canons.

Process for the appointment of a Dean, by Joceline Bp. of Bath & Glaston, anno episcopatus 11°. A.D. 1216. fol. 57 in dors.

Confirmation of the last by the Legate Otho.
At London, ii. kal. Feb. Pontif. Pope Gregor. anno undecimo.

Charter of King Henry I. to Godfrey Bp. of Bath. The manor of Calveston belonging to the Abbess of S. Edwards is in the Bp.'s Hundred of Bath. Merk in Wedmore is of the Bp.'s demesne. fol. 58.
Test. T. the Chancellor.

Charter of H. II. to Ivo the Dean of free warren at Wedmore.
Test. Cancell. apud Pacem.

Charter of M. Regina addressed to W. de Moiun vicecomes &c. At her request Osbert Eps. Essecestrensis has granted to Bp. Giso the Church of Wedmore to which he has often laid claim.

Order made by Bp. Josceline for the good of the Church which he loves so well.
The Church of Wedmore, which had belonged to the Sub-deanery, to become a prebend of the Deanery and to pay to a vicar in the Ch. of Wells 4 marks a year.
The Church of Woky which had belonged to the Deanery is to belong to the Subdeanery, and the Subdean to pay at least two marcs a year to his vicar in Wells.
Given with the consent of the D. & C. at Wells 3° non. Junii Pontif. anno 4°. fol. 58 in dors.

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Charter of Josceline with consent of the D. & C.
The revenues of vacant prebends, except that of Wedmore, to belong to the Chapter. The Bishop to have the revenues of the Deanery, Precentorship, Chancellorship, Treasury, Subdeanery, Succentory, & of any Prepositura or Archdeaconry, when vacant. Also rules for presentations at such times to vicarages, &c. &c.
Dat in capitulo. 14 kal. Oct. Pontificat. anno 8°.

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Charter of Josceline to Dean Peter, &c.
The D. & C. exempt from all fines, &c. to the King and answerable only to the Bishop.
Given at Wells, in Octavis. S. Mich. Pontificat. anno 22°.

Robert Malerbe son of Henry de Mudesleg quit claims to Peter the Dean & his successors a half virgate in Wedmore in Bemeston Hundred.
Test. Ric. de Cuntevill.

Bp. Josceline after consultation with Dean L. & the C. grants to the common fund the two thirds of the revenues of vacant benefices which the Bishop used to have The Archdeacons W. de Bardeney of Wells, and W. de Wrotham of Tanton to have the custody of vacant benefices subject to this payment, "quia sacramentum corporale coram nobis prestiterunt," but the Archdeacons Thomas of Glaston, and Hugh of Bath "quia nondum sacramentum prestiterunt contenti sint tercio denario suo" of vacant benefices "per manum nostram sicut prius fuerunt."
Given in Capitulo 5° Id. Julii. Pontificat. anno 10°.
Printed in Wells Cathedral by H. E. Reynolds, p. 122.

fol. 59 in dors.

Charter of Reginald about the Bertona. Conf. fol. 25.

Charter of Alicia Roges, granting to the Church of S. Andrew, &c. the Church of Wynesford.

Charter of Bp. Savaric granting to the canons in augmentation of their common fund which is small, the Church of Wivelescumb.

Charter of Bp. Joceline, making the Church of Wivelescumb with the Chapel of Fifhide a prebend.
Given in the Chapter at Wells in Crastino S. Michaelis, Pontificatus nostri anno 8°.

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Charter of Bp. Savaric.
If the Abbots of Cirecester and of Athelingen give the Churches of Meleburne and Sutton respectively to form prebends of the Church of Wells, they and their successors shall enjoy all their fruits saving a competent allowance to their vicars in Wells.

Charter of Richard son of William de Haselberg, gives to the Blessed Mary a charge of 5 shillings upon the land held by his son Thomas, for the soul of his father, and to keep a lamp burning day and night before S. Mary's altar in the Chapel of Haselberg. The money to be paid before the parishioners to some sufficient man, who shall in return for this be free of service. Test. Robt de Curtenay.

Charter of William de Herpetre son of William son of John. Grants to S. Andrew's and to Bp. Reginald the fee of Godefrid de Dinra, &c.
The said Godefrid has done homage to the said Bp. Reginald in my presence.

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Confirmation by Bp. Reginald of grant of the Church of Herpetre made to S. Andrew's by William de Herpetre.
Test. Alexander the Dean, &c.

Charter of W. de Herpetre fil Will fil John of the above named Church.
Test. Will. Sarum.

Charter of Oliver de Dinair, granting to S. Andrew's at the request of Bp. Reginald, &c., the Church of Bokelond.
Test. Stephan, Prior of Tanton.

Charter of the same granting the tithe of all the hay of his Manor of Boklond.
Test. Henr. Exon &c.

Confirmation of the above by Bp. Reginald.
Test. A. Dean of Wells.

Bp. Reginald confirms to the Church of Yatton a virgate ("que fuit sogar al^s, que fuit segar") which is claimed for his Church by William de Yatton. fol. 61.
Test. Ric. Dean of Wells, &c.

Charter of William, prepositus of Cumbe.
The Abbot, &c. of S. Augustine's, Bristoll have taken the Church of Yatton ad firmam for a term of 10 years, from S. Michael's day A.D. 1236, from John Odolmer, Canon of Wells as holding the prebend of Yatton, and have let it to me for 45 marcs annually, beginning with the year 1237, &c. William the Dean and the Chapter become sureties for this payment, and William the prepositus hereby pledges all his property as security to them.
Test. R. the Chancellor; H. Archd^n of Tanton; W. the Subdean; R. the Succentor; Luca de Membury a canon. In Octavis S. Martini A.D. 1236.

Charter of Nicholas de Barewe. Conf. fol. 38.

Confirmation by Bp. Reginald. Conf. fol. 38.
Test. Alex. Dean of Wells; Roger de Boveliz; Rad, Dean of Gerlingetona; Rog. de Bradeford, Clerk; Henry de Tracy; Will. de Mertoc; Hamelin, Seneschal; Ric. de Ken; Steph. de Waleton; Ric., camerarius; Serlo, pincernar; Ric, marescallus, &c.

Charter of Alured de Punsot. Con. fol. 35 in dors.

Charter of Robt de Meysi, clerk, granting to S. Andrew and Bp. Joceline, the Advowson of the Church of Berton, and the half Advowson of the Church of Nuniz, which belong to him.
Test. Will. de Hamme, Precentor of Wells; Peter, Treasurer; Master John de Weford; Master Robt. de Berkelay; Rog., Chaplain; Master Ada, Canon of Wells.
Mem., on Tuesday next after the Feast of Holy Trinity, Helias de la Mere came with a servant to the house of the Dean of Wells about the sixth hour to claim the above half Advowson of Nuniz, but when he had seen the charter he renounced all claim to it, in the presence of the Dean; Will. de Button, Archd. of Wells; Master Œgidius, Archdn. Berkesr; Henry the Treasurer; &c. "cum pluribus aliis qui dicta die comederunt cum predicto decano."

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Charter of John, Prior of Worspring.

In consideration of the gifts made by William de Button, Bp. of Bath & Wells, the 2nd, and of a legacy of 210 marcs, the priory founds a chantry in the Cathedral of the value of 10 marcs yearly. The Bp's legacy had come at a time of need, and enabled the convent to redeem an annual payment of £10 due to the Lord John de Engayn, knight, upon the Manor of Worle.

Given in the Chapter at Worspring, July 4, A.D. 1277.

Charter of the Exors of Bp. Button's will, with directions for the services of the Chantry.

Oct. A.D. 1279.

Manumission by Edward the Dean & the Chapter of Will. Gyan of North Cory. A.D. 1264.

Concord made between the D. & C. and Robert son of the above W. Gyan super hosbote et heybote in carta sua contenta. Robert is to have sex plaustratas busce in Stathemore, annually, to be fetched by him between the day of the Exaltation of Holy Cross and S. Michael's day; and he quitclaims husbote and heybote.

Test. Galfr. de la Slo; Thom. de Mere; Waltr. le Frye; Ric. le Frye; Hug. de la Hele; Ric. de Fonte, &c.

Charter by D. & C. granting to Will. Gyan a messuage & 3 ferdells of land in North Cory, in the parish of Sookes, at a rent of 12*s.* 8*d.* pro omni servitio, &c., saving to the D. & C. the secta of the Hundred, and the custody of minors. If the heirs are of age on the decease of any tenant they shall pay a fine of 12*s.* 8*d.* &c.

A.D. 1264.

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The Hospital of S. John of Bristol, of which Elias is the Master, founds a Chantry of 30 shillings at the altar of S. Mary Magdalen in the Cathedral for the soul of John de Axebrugge, Subdean of Wells.

fol. 64.

Charter of the D. & C. Bp. Roger had claimed the sequestration of all vacant benefices, but withdrew his claim upon examination of our charters.

We then made a free gift to him for life of our share, in consideration of the debts of the Bishop and Bishoprick, *i.e.* two parts, in such revenues, saving to the Archdn. the third part. But this is not to bind future times.

Given 9th kal. June. A.D. 1246.

Mem. that when A.D. 1247, on Sunday at the Feast of the Purification in continuation from the day before, there were gathered together in Chapter, chiefly for the purpose of deliberation upon the election of a bishop which was to be held at Bath on the following Tuesday, Hugh Tesson, Precentor; W. de Lincoln, Chancellor; H. de London, Treasurer; H. de Rom. Subdean; H. de Saleburn, Succentor; Math. Archdn. Bukingham; Mgstr. R. de Marisc; Mgstr. Gilbert de Byham; Mgst. J. de Tanton; Mgst. A. Gessich; W. preposit. de Cumbe; J. de Baker; Phil de Sideburi; W. de Cusinton; W. de Purl; J. de Hereford; J. de Teynton; R. de Haldeworth; Eli de Badestr; H. de Langelegh; J. de Button; Alex. de Banfeld; J. de Sutton; Luc. de Memburi; J. Odelmer; R. de Marisc; J. de Derham; & Ric de Dynam, Canons; certain arrangements were made about a piece of land at Bidesham.

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Mem. on Monday Crastino Trinitis A.D. 1243 at the general council of the fraternity (fratrum) held for the purpose of electing a Bishop there was first of all a general sentence pronounced as follows. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS. fol. 64 in dors.

Excommunication of all who reveal the secrets of the greater or Lesser Chapter, especially in the matter of the election.

Excommunication of all in the Chapter who maliciously impede that election.

Excommunication of all those of the Chapter who give aid to our adversaries, *i.e.*, the Monks of Bath.

Mem. that on S.S. Peter & Paul's day A.D. 1243, the following sentence was pronounced in the Cathedral.

Excommunication of all who in any way invade the rights of the Church, save the King & Queen, their proctors & Count Ric and the King's Council.

Excomm. of all who interfere with the Church's rights in the Church of Cungersbury, with same exceptions.

Mem. that on Saturday before the feast of S. John the Baptist, Will de Bruges and two vicars were sent by the Chapter to Brent to protest and appeal.

Appeal was made before the Archdn. of Wells at Axebridge in a full Chapter summoned ad hoc to declare whether the Church of Cungersbury is vacant or no.

Appeal to the Papal see to forbid the admission of Peter Saracenus or any other to the said Church, &c. . . . . to prevent the Archdeacon who is "juratus capituli nostri" from admitting Peter or any other, &c. &c.

Mem. that A.D. 1243 a question had arisen about the burial of William de Chyw, a canon. It was determined that for the future resident canons should be buried according to their rank in the cloister, beginning from the south door of the church. No layman or vicar to be buried among them. The vicars to be buried in the cemetery to the east of and behind the chapel of S. Mary, and elsewhere in the cemetery; but laymen to the west, beginning by the "hulmollos plantatos" on the side where "consuevit esse hastillaria," and so westward.

For the future no laymen to be buried before the west door of the church. The greater people who belong to the church may be buried within it, if it is wished, unless they have otherwise ordered during their lifetime.

In the same year it was ordered that for the future no vicar should live alone, but always two together. Disobedience punished by exclusion from the choir, and from share in commons.

It is also ordered that if any of those who live alone can be convicted of incontinence they are to be punished by loss of all their portions. Those who had concubines and children are forbidden to allow the visits of the mothers to the children, or to go to any place where the mothers are likely to be present, or to have any intercourse with them except in public, and in the presence of witnesses "non suspectis."

An Act of Chapter on Wednesday next after the feast of S. James fol. 65.
A.D. 1243 calling into residence John de Sutton. John does not appear either in person or by proxy to answer the charge of non residence, and John de Campton his vicar resigned his office into the hands of the Dean in Chapter.

A.D. 1244, on the vigil of S. Peter ad vincula Galfrid de Toteneis is accused of adultery. He in full chapter cleared himself upon oath of the charge. His compurgatores were present but were excused from

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taking the oath, "quia vehementer presumebatur pro dicto G. quod non esset in culpâ."

On the following day John de Cerde was accused of adultery with the wife of David (tinctoris) who had lately gone to the Holy Land. The said J. gives to the chapter letters patent undertaking to submit to the loss of his vicar's office if he should sin again, &c.

A copy of the letter.

On the same day Dn^s W. de Kaynesham was charged with having established an oratory in his house at Wells without the consent of the Chapter, & to the prejudice of the Church. He promises that it shall not be done again.

On the day after the Assumption A.D. 1248, and on the Monday following, William de Hoyland was accused before the Chapter of incontinence [John de Sutton appears among the rest] upon certain specified occasions. He confesses, and, because of the public scandal, he is to stand among the boys until the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, and give letters patent as in the case of J. de Cerde.

The D. & C. A.D. 1247 desire their chaplains to denounce excommunication upon those who infringe the rights of the Church, especially in the case of Litton prebend, according to the form of the provincial council of Oxon.

Mem. That J. Sarracenus the Dean and the Chapter grant R. de Berton hominem dicti capituli dn^o Walt^o de Cusynton [a canon] toto tempore dicti Walteri.

Mem. On Ascension Day after vespers two messengers came from the Prior and Convent of Christ Church Canterbury, with letters patent, and brought the letters into our Chapter. The Chapter did not accept the letters until protest had been made that it did not acknowledge any authority upon the part of the said monks. If there should be in the letters anything of the nature of command, the Chapter before accepting them appeals to the Apostolic See against it, and against any sentence which may be pronounced against them.

Names of those present in Chapter.

Mem. Protest made by Sarracenus and others & in Chapter against the election of the Precentor; not on account of any objection to the person but because the election has been made in contravention of the rights of the Church.

Mem. On Wednesday in the Week of Pentecost A.D. 1243 the Proctor of the Abbot of Bec, came, and after many arguments about the sums and fines payable by him, for the non payment of which he had been suspended, an agreement was made, by which the fines already inflicted & will be remitted if the abbot pays that which may be due according to the usual rules, before a certain day.

Mem. Upon the same subject. The Prior of Hokeburn is the Abbot's proctor.

Mem. If the King should claim the presentation of Cungersbury on the ground that King Richard presented Peter Sarracenus, answer shall be made that the King had that presentation "ratione vacantis episcopatus." The manor &c. was granted by King John to Bp. Josceline and his successors, as the charters prove, and the Bp. granted it to the Chapter "in augmentum communæ."

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Mem. On the day after the Feast of S.S. Simon & Jude A.D. 1243, with the consent of the King, in the Manor Court the Chapter by its proctors Walter de Cosinton and John de Derham, received possession of the Church of Cungersbury at the hands of R. Passelewe "custodis episcopatus," and Galfrid de Were, dean of the place gave them possession, and this by the authority of W. de Button, Archdn. of Wells. And H. the Subdean was the proctor of the Chapter to grant it ad firmam to P. Sarracenus in the presence of the whole parish and many others who had come there for diverse reasons. He also delivered the ornaments and the books of the church, to the said P. in the chapel of the church, on the day following.

Bp. Roger desires of the D. & C. confirmation of his charter to Thomas de Gargilade and Edith his wife. fol. 66.

Confirmation by the D. & C. reciting the Bp's charter which grants to the said T. & E. all the land in Wells, one ferdel & a half, & a piece of moor held by Richard de Cargilade.

Confirmation of a similar grant made to William de Aure & Mabilia his wife, formerly held by Richard son of Robert Franceys at Chedder, *i.e.*, a mill &c.

Saving to Domina Agatha de Corscumb, &c. one marc a year.

Test. Robt. fil. Pagani; Thom. de Altavill; Robt. Malherbe; Nich. de Cheldrinton (tunc senescallus noster) Galf. Fassal; Rad. de Bagpuz; Robt. de la Sale; Will. de Clafford; Will. de Camera; Phil. de Cnoll; & Gilbert de Sarum, clerks. A.D. 1246.

Inspeximus by the Chapter of a Charter of Hugh de Romenal Subdean and Rector of Woky, granting to John le Poch de Exon clerk, and Juliana de Woky his wife, two acres at Woky, &c. A.D. 1246. fol. 66 in dors.

All crossed out.

John the Dean & the C. omnibus, &c.

In order to promote the honour of God and of the Glorious Virgin Mary, we assign 20 shillings yearly due from the chapel of Stokes, to Richard Tregoz, vicar of North Cury, & his successors, for a daily mass in the chapel built and dedicated to the honour of the Glorious Virgin in the cemetery of North Cury. This payment to cease if the service ceases. A.D. 1246.

Inspeximus by the D. & C. and confirmation of a grant by Bp. Roger to Will de Wrangheye of certain lands, &c. at Wolynton (Wellington) at a rent of 20 shillings a year in lieu of all services except the fencing (claustura) of our Park at Westbury, which he has been wont to do. He may enclose the lands. For this grant he pays 10 marcs in gersumam. fol. 67.

Test. Nich. Goffin, Archdn. of Bath; Robt. de Tefford & Ric. de Haldesworth, dominis; Gerbert de Welynton & Ranulf de Fleury, militibus; Steph. de Welynton; Will de Laford; Will Thursloo; and John Bennecumb, &c. Given at Woky, per manum Ricard de Haldesworth. 14° kal. Feb. Pontific anno 3°. Confirmed 13° kal. March, A.D. 1246.

Similar inspeximus and confirmation of a grant by Bp. Roger to Will de Dure of 8 acres at Axebrugge, &c. A.D. 1247.

Similar confirmation of a grant by the Bishop to William, prepositus of Cumb and Rector of Chard of the mill at Chard "quod nos levari fecimus ibidem," and which is an injury to the mill granted to him fol. 68.

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by our predecessor Bp. Joceline; at a rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. Given at Chiu A.D. 1247. And confirmed in September of the same year.

Mem. with a marginal note, both crossed out.
The Chapter seal attached to an authority given to the Archd^{n} of Wells, and Master J. Odelmer & Philip de Sudenham to borrow in curia Romana 100 Marcs for the use of the church.
Given on the kalends of March, A.D. 1247.

Mem. that Robert de Marisc, has paid a debt for which the Chapter was surety, and may therefore have the firma of his church at Eston.

Confirmation by the Chapter of the manumission granted by J. Sarracenus the Dean to Galford Penwyne on payment of 5 shillings.
Test. Nich. de Cuntevill; Robt. de Cuntevill; Mathew de Barton; Henry de Cuntevill, &c. A.D. 1247.

Richard Billing is also manumitted.

Security given by W. de Button, Archdn. of Wells for whatever money he may receive of the loan he & the others are to raise. [Crossed out].

Litteræ procuratoriæ in curia Romana, on the above business.

fol. 69.

Mem. That three letters have been written upon the same subject.
Mem. that another letter was carried by J. de Button to the Archdn. upon the same subject of the loan, on Monday next before Paschall Feast, A.D. 1248. And also letters had been written concerning the provision of pastors for the churches.

Inspeximus & Confirmation by the Chapter of a grant made by Master William de Lincoln, the Chancellor, of a messuage &c. in Kingsbury, to William de Sucsexia, &c. A.D. 1248.
The position of the land is defined.

Mem. that J. de Button has been appointed proctor for the Chapter in certain business. A.D. 1248. The whole is crossed out.

Acknowledgment by Robt. de Columbariis, Miles, of the receipt of 10 marcs from the D. & C. by the hands of Roger de Wynesham, for the final concord made in a suit concerning the Manor of Hatch. Given at Wells on the Saturday next after the Feast of St. James the Ap. A.D. 1247.

Inspeximus by the D. & C. of a grant by Bp. W. (Button) to Philip de Button of a burgage in Wells, &c. A.D. 1251.

fol. 69 in dors.

Mem. that J. Sarracenus and the C. let ad firman to Walter de Purlegh, Canon, the Church of Ceddar with all that appertains to it in spiritualities & temporalities, for five years for 50 marcs "stirlingorum novorum vel veterum equivalentium." Walter to keep up the houses &c. and leave everything in as good a state as he received it. Full details of the agreement. A.D. 1248.

A line inserted between two entries in different ink.
Mem. Canonicos nolentes solvere quintam prebendarum suarum ad magnam necessitatem eccl cathedralis.

J. Sarracenus the D. and the C. to their brother Canon N. de Evesham.

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It had been lately decreed in Chapter that a fifth of all prebends and canonries be paid for 7 years in order to relieve the church of an intolerable burden of debt. Some of the greater and lesser canons have made the payment, but very many [quam plures] have not. "Cum secundum naturam cujuscunque rei sit, ut ipsos sequatur onus quos sequitur emolumentum;" if payment is not made by the Feast of the Purification, the prebends will be sequestrated into the hands of the Chapter, &c.

Given at Wells on St. Martin's Day, A.D. 1248.

The same to W. Bp. of Sarum on the same subject, [the levy of one fifth had been made with the consent of Bp. Josceline], begging of him to allow this decree to take effect within his diocese.

Given at Wells prid. non. Decembr. A.D. 1248.

Mem. It is ordered by the Dean J. Sarracenus & the C. concerning certain vicars of the Church of Wells, viz. W. de Cobham, G. Pranll, Ric. de Langport, Thom. de Cantia, & Roger nephew of the late Chancellor, inasmuch as they have been accused of certain great offences, [criminibus enormibus] and it remains to pass sentence upon them, that for the sake of the good name of the Chapter, and for their own, no further proceedings be taken against them, but that the said W. de Cobeham and G. Pranll, "recepta cruce adeund vel mittend in terram sanctam resignatione ab eisdem facta quod non utentur privilegio crucesignatorum in hac parte, suisvicariis et communis per triennium privarentur, quibus elapsis recipiant suas vicarias qualiter circa easdem sit ordinatum &c." fol. 70.

Mem. W. de Hoyland, once vicar of Wells, is accused of incontinence and assault, and confesses. Letter patent of W. in which he confesses and binds himself to resign his office if he sins again, dated A.D. 1248.

Scandal again arises, he refuses the opportunity of clearing himself, resigns, and his stipend is allowed to him until the following Christmas; and he may stand in the choir until the Circumcision; provided that he bears himself well meanwhile. The Chapter will also make him an allowance in lieu of daily commons.

The exors. of N. de Evesham appear before the Chapter to inquire the amount of arrears due from him. The writing is faded, but it appears that he was prebendary of S. Decumans; that he owed 6 pounds for six years to the fabric; that he had held Cristemelford ad firmam, and that the D. & C. had sold his goods to satisfy their claims upon him in that matter.

Dated S. George's Day. A.D. 1248.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the D. & C. of a grant made by Bp. W. concerning the Church of Samford Arundel. fol. 70 in dors.

The Prior and Convent of Legh in Exon diocese had, under an agreement with Bp. Josceline, been in the receipt of 20 shillings a year from that church. John Arundel, knight, had claimed the advowson and taken the 20 shillings, "sua auctoritate." After a long suit the following agreement was made before the justiciaries Roger de Turkeby; Gilbert de Preston; William de S. Edmund's; Alan de Fornauns; at Yvelchester in Oct^s Purificat, 27 H. III. The advowson to belong to the Convent, and the Bp. in consideration of their poverty which checked them in the exercise of hospitality &c. granted the church to them, saving Episcopal & Archidiaconal rights.

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Test. Master John le Fort; Master Robt. de S. Quinten; Adam de Nutsted, Canon of Wells; Ric de Button, Vicar of Wells; Stephen parson of Cyppestaple, &c.

At Welyngton in crast. S. Andr. A.D. 1248.

Confirmed at Wells on S. Stephen's Day, A.D. 1248.

On S. Gregory's Day, A.D. 1248. Rob. de Evesham, Rector of Cristemeleford, came into the Chapter to treat upon the subject of the security given by N. de Evesham for the firma of the vicarage of Cristemeleford, &c.

On Monday after S. Edward the King & Martyr's day, John de Scryvenah, a vicar of Wells, sought licence to go to his lord G. de Langelegh "cum quo aliquamdiu steterat et capere litanciam suam ab eo" and return to Wells. Apparently this is refused but leave given until Easter or Hokday.

This entry and the next are very faint.

This entry seems to refer to the vicarage of Lydiard.

fol. 71. Mem. On the Monday after S. Benedict's Day, A.D. 1248. Alex le Banfeld, a canon, having heard that his vicar W. de Cobham had resigned came and presented J. de Cumbe. The Chapter (whose names are given) will take the matter into consideration.

A Note; J. is admitted for a time, but under oath to resign at the end of the term.

Summons to certain vicars to appear, &c.

Mem. April 8, A.D. 1249. Robt. de Evesham, Rector of Cristemeleford, came and paid to the D. & C. 18 marcs, and 10 shillings of the 25 marcs due from the firm of Cristemeleford to Ilditius. He has paid 6 marcs, 3 shillings, and 4 pence ad subsidium dni papæ as a fourth of what was demanded (exigibatur) "ab eodem Ilditio sicut ab aliis ytalicis auctoritate dni papæ, de quibus sex marcis tribus solidis et quatuor denariis debet conservare predictos D. et C. Wellen indempnes, et nichilominus predictas decem et octo marcas et decem solidos deportare London sumptibus suis et periculo, ut apud novum templum Lond. deponantur, prout in obligatione quam fecit dictis D. et C. plenius continetur." The Chapter put their seal to this.

A receipt given to the above Robt. by the C.

Mem. that A.D. 1249 Robt. de Evesham, "liberavit D. et C° xi instrumenta super solutionibus factis a tempore ordinationis dni. Dec. London. et Magistri Ric de Stanford factæ inter D. et C. et Ilditium perpetuum vicarium eccl. de Cristemeleford usque ad Pascha A.D. 1249."

The Chapter (whose names are given) grant to J. de Button, brother of the Bp. "ob ipsius Epi reverentiam," their two parts in the prebend of S. Decumans, according to the taxation of the said prebend, of which the taxation is £20. "Ita quod dictus J. refundat capitulo sumptus quos ibi posuit in Wannagis tremesii." They grant to him also that he may keep the oxen, which belonged to Master N. de Evesham, at that place, and at the value at which they are held by the Chapter, scil £4, the money to be paid to the Chapter, &c.

Dominica in albis. A.D. 1249.

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A claim made by H. de Mertock upon the demesne of Langeford.

The same H. is accused of adultery, confesses and gives letters patent as in other cases.

He is also accused of dishonesty and a day is fixed on which he is to make his answer.

The Abbot of Athelney summoned to appear before the Chapter in crastino S. Georgii A.D. 1249, sent a monk as his proctor with letters patent. [Letter is given]. fol. 71 in dors.

The Chapter decline to accept the monk as proctor because he is not a canon, and because certain secrets of the Chapter are to be deliberated on in the presence of the said Abbot. The Abbot is to be summoned peremptorily to appear on the following Monday the vigil of the Feast of S.S. Philip and James.

The Abbot came, and in the presence of the canons having been cautioned as a canon under pain of excommunication, not to reveal what he might hear, he is charged with breach of the chapter law & custom, which is this. If a canon bring a complaint against a canon, or the Chapter against a canon, or a canon against the Chapter, that complaint should first be made in the Chapter and not before any one else. The Abbot had broken his rule in that, when lately his nets had been seized by the Chapter Moor-warden in the Burwere fishery, he had [in contravention of the liberties of the Church which the Chapter value at £100 and more] brought the case before the lord R. de Wrotham without first making application to the Chapter, and their tenant's stock had been seized and driven from Cheddar to Northweton and detained there, &c. The Chapter had been obliged to appeal to the king's court for the liberties of their Manor, and desire that their expences therein be repaid by the Abbot in his capacity of canon. After much discussion, the Abbot asked for time for consideration, "alioquin appellavit ad episcopum." It is granted. The two parties came to an agreement; meanwhile the nets are restored and the cattle.

H. de Mertock appears before the Chapter in crastino S. Mark, Evang. to answer whether he will resign his vicar's place, or await the sentence of the Chapter according to the letters patent given by him above, on account of the charge of adultery brought against him. He desires to be tried before the Archdeacon and in the city of Wells.

"Item de 20 marcis provisum fuit quod Magister Robt. de Tefford quem specialite ipsum tangit negotium ut in crastino S.S. Nereus et Achilleus compareat in capitulo Wellen si sibi indictum visurum et auditurum qualiter capitulum procederet contra dictum Henricum, &c." When the appointed day came H. was accused of adultery with a woman at Lidiard, whose husband had gone to the Holy Land five years before. He strenuously denies the charge, and W. de Purl is appointed to make inquiries.

Mem. in crastino Ascensionis the said H. when asked the same question as in the last, requested that the case might be deferred until the arrival of the Bishop. This is refused by the Chapter. Then he asked for delay until the return of the Dean, and this is granted. Meanwhile it is ordered that he remain outside the church, and that he is not to share in the communa, &c. His dominus is also to appoint another to officiate in his place.

The Abbot of Athelney appears in his character as a canon, and answers as to the case above that he had not yet taken advice. That

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he is under the protection of the Pope, the King, and the Bishop, and he asks, that the case should stand over until the return of the Bishop, that he may decide what shall be done. Meanwhile he begs for the immediate restitution of his nets as was agreed upon, &c.

The Chapter disclaim any intention of interference with the Abbot's lay fee, or his rights as Abbot. The Abbot disclaims any intention of injuring the Chapter, he had acted in ignorance. The Chapter answer "quod nimis fuit crassa hujusmodi ignorantia quod debuit scivisse quod jurasset, vel postea diligentissime inquisivisse ne aliquo modo incideret in perjurium." They desire time for deliberation and appoint Monday next before the coming Feast of S. Barnabas, as the day for going on with the case.

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Mem. A.D. 1250, die dominica prox ante fest. S. Andree.

H. Subdean of Wells paid over to Will de Beaumont de Bristoll, prepositus ville de Bristoll, one halfpenny which he had taken of Walter son of the late Simon of Heanton his man, "pro theloneo pro pisce vendito ibidem." J. de Serham paid over three farthings which he had received from his men as toll for corn and other things sold by them. This was done by the Bridge of Avon ante soldam Willi, Aurifabri, &c. Hora autem erat vespertina, quum vespere tunc pulsabantur, &c.

But the said William de Beaumont after examination allowed that by royal charter the men of the church were free from toll and explained that payment had been exacted because they had not declared themselves to be such.

On the day following the subdean declared all these things in domo thelonearia, as also did the said William, in the presence of Simon, clerk, at that time Mayor of the city, and many other burgesses. The King's charter was read before them by Fordann the clerk, and then, leave having been given by the Mayor and others, the Subdean and John retired, with the money restored to them.

Charter of Robert de Evesham, Rector of Cristemelford. He is bound to pay 25 marcs a year into the Treasury at Wells to the D. & C. for Ildicius perpetual vicar of the Church of Cristemeleford, "pro firma dicte vicarie," which the D. & C. hold of the aforesaid Ildicius. Robert acknowledges that he is responsible for this payment, and for the carriage of it to London, and for the expenses if the D. & C. think fit to send anyone to go with his messengers. He pledges all his property and the incumbency itself to the D. & C. saving only the income he has as the parson.

Given in the Chapter in the presence of Henry de Tesson, Precentor; Henry de London, Treasurer; Hugh, Subdean; Masters John de Tanton; Gilbert de Binham; Adam de Gessich; & Elias de Baddeston; John de Button; Luke de Memberie; John de Hereford; Ricard de Dinham, Canons of Wells. April 8. A.D. 1249.

Mem., that on Thursday next before the Annunciation A.D. 1250 the Chapter wrote to Reyner de Piperona by the hands of their brother who had come for his allowances [pro salario suo] to recall their procuration; and also to Peter "quod compurgaret cum dicto Reynero quem amoverat a procuratione sua ex parte capituli diu ante ut dicebat, et quod reciperet ab ipso litteram capituli procuratoriam. Et quod facta computatione signaret capitulo in quanto ei teneretur, et capitulum benigne ei responderet et satisfaceret sicut deceret."

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Mem. on the Virgil. S. Gregor. A.D. 1250. J. de Hereford called upon the under written witnesses [many words illegible.] The entry apparently refers to the will of Bp. R. and to a sum of £14 in the will of W. de Badeston.

Proxy given to Gilbert de Sarum, and Th. de Aldítheford to represent the Chapter in certain matters before the Pope. fol. 72 in dors.
Given Saturday prox post claus. Pasch. A.D. 1250.

Three letters of introduction addressed to the Pope and to the Cardinals.

Letter of instructions to G. de Sarum and Thomas de Aldítheford the two proctors of the Chapter and of the clergy of the diocese of B. & W.
"Cum omnia que fuerant Oxon in crastino clausi Pasche provisa jam per tractatum episcoporum Anglie nuper habitum Lond. circa quindenam Pasche per quos debuistis transitum fecisse, sunt commutata, prout in crastino translationis beati Andree primo nobis innotuit vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes, ac per aspersionem sanguinis Jhesu Christi firmiter inhibentes ne in aliquum eventum aliquam procurationem nostrarum que concepte sunt ad agendum . . . . . et transigendum domino pape seu alicui de cardinalibus osfenditis, sed potius statim visis litteris istis omnes hujusmodi procurationes et singulas cassetis quas ipsas insolidum renunciamus. Et si forte dn^s papa vel cardinales aliquo casu vos vellent recipere tanquam procuratores per litteras suas ad agendum contra dn^m Cantuar. nullo modo hujusmodi procuratorium in vos recipiatis. Scribunt autem omnes Episcopi Anglie ipsi dn^o Cantuar. humiliter supplicando ut ipsos vel eorum capitula seu clerum indebite non molestet cum sunt parati in hiis in quibus eidem divino jure tenentur in omnibus et super omnia obedire. Verum cum ita omnium procuratorum qm̄ transitum fecerunt per ipsos Lond. sit suspensum quousque a dicto dn^o Cant certum habuerunt responsum, nullo modo ad curiam accedatis sine aliis et maxima absque majori parte procuratorum tam capitulorum quam cleri, sed potius statim ad nos revertatis, cum nolumus in isto facto esse aut videri singulares. Sperant vero firmiter ipsi Episcopi optant ab ipso dn^o. Cant reportare responsum per quedam que eisdem de novo sunt intimate, verum si aliquo modo vobis possit innotescere quod annuat . . . incontinenter redeatis, &c."
The remaining instructions apply to certain contingencies and to the return by the bearer of any proxy letters which should be cancelled.
The instructions are subtle and intricate, and the alternative powers are to be used or cancelled according to circumstances.

Instructions to W. de Button, and W. de S. Quintin, Archd^s of Wells and Tanton, and W. de Maydeneston, proctor for the Chapter, to announce to the Prior and Convent of Bath the death of Bp. Josceline, and to take steps in conjunction with them to obtain permission from the king to proceed to the election of a successor, &c. Given at Wells on Saturday next after the Feast of S. Eadmund. A.D. 1242. fol. 73.

Citation to all canons to appear on Monday next before S. Thomas' Day in the Chapter, to proceed to the election. "Et si placet temporis vocationis brevitatem causari nolitis; cum nobis in hac parte nonnulle ponantur insidie; et impedimenta quamplurima preparentur a priore et monachis Bathon sicut indubitantur scitis vel scire debetis.

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Commission to Master Philip de Gildeforde to carry the letters from the Chapter to the king.

fol. 73 in dors. Letter of the Chapter to Galfrid de Wlward, clerk to the king. There has been some unavoidable delay in making application to the king, they pray G. to support their cause and prevent the monks of Bath from fraudulently obtaining a licence to elect without them.

Another letter to the same effect.

Similar letter to Philip de Gildeford; desiring him also if it is possible to associate with himself dns. Hugo de Vivona and Peter Chacepork, and Galfrid Wlward, &c.

fol. 74. Letters patent from the D. & C. to the monks of Bath. The election of a Bishop ought to be held in common; desires them to join in sending a messenger to the king for licence not later than Christmas or the day following, if they will not join in this, the D. & C. will nevertheless send a messenger of their own. Warns them not to attempt to do anything in this without the D. & C., "sicut alias die sepulture Epi nostri in ecclesia nostra Wellen, presentibus quibusdam monachis vestris et aliis quampluribus, et postea apud Bath. . . . . Appellavimus, &c." Given on Monday in crast. S. Thom. Ap. A.D. 1242.

Letter to Philip de Gildeford, similar to the former one. Crossed out.

Mem. That on Tuesday next after the Feast of S. Thomas, A.D. 1242, the letter was sent out by the D. & C., and on that day there came to Bath Hugh, dictus Subdean of Wells, Luke de Memberie, Canon of Wells, with the said letters, and four vicars with them, viz., Walter de Sarum; Ric. de Button, chaplains; John de Cerde, & Will. de Brugees, deacons; and David the clerk. About the third hour they entered the hall of the Priory, and found the Prior there with certain of his monks, and Master Robt. de Thetford, and Henr. de Bathon, with them. The names of the monks are Thomas de Theukesburi, Richard quondam eleemosinarius, John Kaddok, Richard de Kanning, junior, Walter, and two others unknown. In their presence the Subdean read the letters, and asked for an answer, and thrice he warned the Prior that it was their duty to send messengers in common with the D. & C. to the king.

fol. 74 in dors. The D. & C. to W. Archbishop of York to obtain his assistance in this dispute with the monks of Bath.

The D. & C. have sent the Dean J. Sarracenus; and Canon Robt de Mariscis to the king for the licence, and they pray the Archbishop to give them leave libere transfretandi, and also himself to inform the king of the truth of the case.

The D. & C. to W. Bishop of Karleon asking for his good offices that justice may be done, &c.

fol. 75. Similar letter to their brother and fellow canon S. de Everdon, clerk to the King, &c.

Public protest by the D. & C. against any independent action on the part of the monks of Bath.

Similar to that in fol. 73.

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To the Pope.

J. Sarracenus the Dean, and John de Offington, are appointed proctors for the D. & C. at Rome in this cause. Given at Wells on S. John the Evangl day, A.D. 1242. Corrected in another hand A.D. 1243.

The D. & C. to Cardinal O. S. Nicholai in carcere, Tull, begging for his assistance in the same matter.

Thomas the Prior, and the Convent of Bath to the D. & C. They intend to proceed to the election of a Bishop on Monday next after the Purification. Invite the D. & C. of Wells to join, "licet neque de jure neque de consuetudine ad vos una nobiscum ejusdem electio pertinere noscatur, &c." fol. 75 in dors.

Given at Bath Jan. 30, A.D. 1243.

The Chapter of Wells by their proctors inform the monks of Bath that appeal has been made to Rome against any attempt upon the part of the monks to keep the election in their own hands.

Given at Wells on S. Agatha's Day, A.D. 1242.

A meeting had been held at Ferenton upon the question in dispute between the two Churches, but the question had not been sufficiently treated owing to the absence of the friend of the Chapter. The Chapter therefore now send the Archd^ns of Bath, Wells, & Tanton to treat of the matter at Bath.

Given at Wells on S. Agatha's Day, A.D. 1242.

A marginal note that on S. Agatha's Day about the hour of vespers the Chapter proctors, H. the Subdean, and H. de ac'o dei, came to Bath, and read the above protest to the Prior &c. and asked for a conference, which was refused.

"Post hec autem cum intravissent in ecclesiam sederunt ante ostium chori petentes instanter quod haberent colloquium cum conventu, quod eis denegatum fuit per magistros Robt. de Teford, Henry de Bathon, et Simon physician: qui procuraverunt quod omnes monachi qui erant in ecclesia intrarent claustrum suum et sic serraverunt hostia.

The said proctors made protest in the presence of the said Masters, the Precentor, and two servants, whose names were Henry & Robert. On the day following they also made protest against the sentence of the Precentor, pronounced against all who impede their election, in the presence of the Archdns of Bath & Wells, & Tanton, and many more whose names are given, and they also made public their protest.

The D. & C. to W. de Eboraco, preposit Beverlasensis, frater et concanonicus. fol. 76.

The monks of Bath have fraudulently anticipated us in obtaining the King's licence, and have chosen the Precentor of Sarum, bishop, notwithstanding our protest and appeal to the apostolic see against any such proceeding. All members of the chapter are therefore summoned to meet on Monday prox. post caput jejunii, to deliberate on this matter. Nothing may be revealed of what passes in the Chapter except to a Canon, and, if it please you, to R. de Lexinton and S. de Everdon.

The statement of the case by the D. & C. fol. 76 in dors.

The D. & C. to the Pope. fol. 77.

Have appointed J. Sarracenus the Dean to be their proctor at Rome in his matter.

Feb. 16. A.D. 1242, corrected to 1243 in another hand.

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Petition to the King that he will not give his assent to the election of Roger.

fol. 77 in dors.

Letter of the Chapter to their Dean J. Sarracenus "subdiaconus et capellanus dni pape" (the "pape" rubbed out purposely). The Chapter have received letters patent from the Prior &c. of Bath, on Saturday next before the Purification. Have called a Chapter for Monday after Ash Wednesday, in order that they may have the best advice, and that no one may be able to complain that anything has been done privately without their knowledge. The letter of citation which describes the present state of things, is quoted.

fol. 78.

The King to the D. & C. Has granted to the monks of Bath the licence they sought for, but had no intention of interfering with the rights of the D. & C. Thinks that he has not done so. Is ready to attend to their representations.

At Burdeg, Jan. 28.

The D. & C. to the monks of Bath.

Have obtained the King's licence and now summon them to be present in the Church at Wells in crast S. Trinitatis, to make the election. If that place is not convenient they are summoned to meet at Ferenton for S.S. Philip & James Day, to fix upon some more suitable place where the election may be held on the day appointed, and on the following if necessary. If they do not come the Chapter will proceed to the election by themselves.

Given at Wells, April 20. A.D. 1243.

Marginal note that the above was carried by certain of the Chapter (whose names are given) and read to the monks of Bath.

The King to the D. & C.

Licence to elect, saving the rights of the Church of Bath, and desire that they choose a fitting man, and one useful to the state.

At Burdeg. March 10. Anno regni nostri 27°.

Another copy of the same.

Their proctors, J. Sarracenus the Dean, and R. de Marisco had come to Bordeaux.

fol. 78 in dors.

The King to the D. & C.

John de Derham, Canon of Wells, and Alexander de London, Clerk of the Church of Wells, had come with the Chapter letters concerning the right of election, desiring the king's support, and announcing that they have appealed to the Pope. So long as the difference with the monks of Bath [who in the presence of their messengers have presented Roger the Precentor of Sarum as their elect] lasts, the king will do nothing to prejudice the rights of the Chapter.

At Burdeg. March 24. Anno regni 27°.

Marginal note that the above was received by the Chapter in Wells on S. Mark the Evangl. Day.

Mem. Appointment of proctors to treat with the monks of Bath at Fereton, as proposed above.

Mem. that there were also present on Thursday before SS. Philip & James' Day at Ferenton together with the proctors, W. de Button, Archdn. of Wells; W. de S. Quintin, Archdn. of Tanton; dns. H. the Treasurer of Wells; Master Robt. de S. Quintin &

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Wileminus, Clerks of the Archdn. of Tanton; David, the clerk of H. the Treasurer; Nicholas, the Clerk of the Archdn. of Wells; Thomas the Venator of the late Bishop; Walter de Bavent; Robt. Marmion, Armiger dicti domini Archd[i] Wellen; Wills. de Bureford, Capellan de Palton; Vigeroys vallet Archd[i] Tanton; Gilbert de Lentenay, vallet Archid[i] Wellen; Dudeman, clerk, vallet of H. the Treasurer; Wells de Eston, junior; Ric. de Guertrie vallet of H. Sub-Dean; Henry de Pridie vallet of Thomas the venator.

Marginal note that the procuratorial letters were sent out by the Chapter on the Vigil of S.S. Philip & James.

The D. & C. to the King. A long letter.
In answer to the letter brought by S. Bussinol, they reply that upon the day after the Holy Trinity which was appointed for the election, they had after much consideration, having first taken the opinions of some of the most learned men in England, unanimously determined that it was better not to proceed to an election then, especially because appeal had already been made to Rome against the election of Roger.
When the fitting time shall have come they will elect a pastor apt to rule, and a man useful to the realm.
An addition to the letter introduces J. Mansell to the notice of the king as a good and trustworthy friend of the Chapter, and prays for the king's favourable consideration of their case.

The D. & C. to the Queen. "Excellentie vestre litteris semel et iterum et pluries receptis et per easdem pro dilecto et fideli clerico dn[i] regis et vestro N precibus crebro crebrius inculcatis vobis duximus respondendum," as in the last that they had decided not to proceed to an election until the election made by the monks of Bath shall have been quashed. fol. 79.

The D. & C. to the Pope. A long document.
Have appointed proctors (as before) and state the case as before.

A similar announcement to all men. fol. 79 in dors.
Given at Wells on the Vigil of S. Peter ad Vinc. A.D. 1243.

Notification to all that the Chapter have empowered the Dean J. Saracenus to borrow 100 marcs for the expenses at the Roman court. Sealed on S. Peter ad Vinc. Day. A.D. 1243.

Mem. that there are four similar letters. The first of which speaks of 100 marcs; the second 25 marcs; the third of 25; the fourth of 50.
All this entry is crossed out.

The D. & C. petition John de Columbar, Cardinal presbyter, to assist them.
The monks have elected Roger a second time.

A similar letter to their fellow Canon John de Offinton.

Mem. that on Tuesday next after the Assumption, A.D. 1243, the Chapter, the See being vacant, confirm the election of Richard, Canon of Kaynesham, formerly parson of Stoke, to be Prior of Worsping, in the place of Reginald deceased. fol. 80.
26 canons, whose names are given are present.

Mem. that the Subdean holds five deeds for borrowing money in the same form as those held by the Dean.

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The first for 100 marcs; the second for 50; the third for 25; and the fourth for 25; & the fifth for 20 marcs.

fol. 80 in dors.

The Pope has confirmed the election of Roger, and announced his decision to the King, the archbishop elect, and to the church and diocese of Bath; Roger has gone to the King to obtain possession, the Chapter is therefore summoned to deliberate. If any member cannot come he is to send a proxy.

In crast. S. Mark. Evang. A.D. 1244.

At the request of the D. & C. of Lincoln, the D. & C. of Wells petition the Pope, A.D. 1244, against undue interference on the part of their Bishop in the Lincoln Cathedral.

A.D. 1244, die dominica prox post nativ beatæ Maria a convention was held in the Conventual Church of Reading for the consecration of Bp. Roger. There were present four of the greater Canons of Wells, [named] and others of the Canons, and many Bishops, Abbotts, Priors, &c.

The papal letters to Boniface the elect of Cantuar were first read; letters also from the Pope to the D. & C. of Wells in which it was decided that the D. & C. of Wells and the monks of Bath were to have an equal share in all future elections, but that the election of Roger should hold good; letters also in answer to the questions asked by the D. & C. as to the place where the election should be held; which church ought to be called the cathedral, and be the place of installation; after which church the Bishop is to be named.

Then when the hour of consecration drew near, "nullaque facta postulatione secundum morem ecclesie Anglicane, dns. W. de Ralegh tunc Eps Wynton ad consecrationem deputatus, ad examinationem processit que sic incipit 'Antiqua sanctorum patrum, &c.'

Et cum dns. Eps. Bathon tunc consecrandus suam suisque in ipsius examinatione ut moris est interpellatur facere professionem ecclesiæ Cantuar in professione sua facienda, usus est hac formâ verborum Ego Rogerus de plenitudine potestatis apostolice datum Episcopatum Bathon profiteor tibi B. Cantuar electo et tue ecclesie Cantuar, et successoribus tuis canonice substituendis canonicam obedientiam tibi et eis servaturus." Another line stating that he seals this declaration, is scratched out.

fol. 81.

Inspeximus & confirmation by Edward the Dean, and the C. of a Charter of Bp. William granting to Stephen Russel and Joanna his wife a ferdel of land in Bocland, in Welyington manor, pro servitio suo; formerly held by W. Russel, at a rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. a year, besides Peter's penny, the Hundred penny, &c., and the duty of fencing Westbury Park. Saving also a winter and a summer ploughing to be done by them.

Test. John Forti, Chancellor of Wells; Thomas Franceis, seneschal of the Bishop; Henry de Wolaynton; Master Will de Bosynton; Ric. de Bamfeld; Rad. de Lullington; Thom. de Wolynton; John de Benecumb; John de Jordanstane, &c.

Given in the Chapter, Nov. 13, A.D. 1263.

A similar confirmation of a similar grant by the same Bishop to Ric. le Fox his vallet, of a ferdell of land and messuage, &c. at la Clyve in Yatton manor, on Monday next before S. Andrews Day. A.D. 1263.

fol. 81 in dors.

A similar confirmation of the appropriation of the church of S. Mary de Stall, at Bath, to the monks of Bath, made by the same Bishop. Dec. 27. A.D. 1263.

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A similar confirmation of a similar grant by the same Bishop Dec. 27, A.D. 1263, to Adam de Crokesley of a ferling of land, &c. in Cedder, formerly held by Robt. Unthonk.

The vicar's oath "cum debeant perpetuari."
Will obey the Dean and Canons in all lawful commands: will keep the secrets of the Chapter; will obey the Statutes, will be diligent in learning Psalter, Hymnary and Antiphonary.

Edward the Dean and the C. to the Prior & Convent of Bath, calling upon them to send proctors to Ferenton to deliberate with the proctors of the D. & C. about sending to ask for the King's licence to proceed to an election of a Bishop. Given in the Chapter April 8th, A.D. 1264. fol. 82.

The D. & C. to the Prior & Convent of Bath, have appointed Canons Nicholas de S. Quintin; Gilbert de Sarum, & Godfrey Giffard to be their proctors in obtaining the licence from the King. April 9th, A.D. 1264.

W. the Prior & the Convent of Bath to the D. & C.
On their demand have appointed Ric. de Noreys the Cellerar, & Nicholas the Precentor, to be their proctors, to treat with the proctors of Wells at Ferenton on Thursday next before the Sunday in ramis palmarum. Given at Bath on Wednesday next before that Sunday, in the same year.

The Chapters' petition to the King, in which they speak for the monks of Bath as well as for themselves. Given on Friday next before that Sunday.

The Prior and Convent of Bath to the D. & C., formal notice of the meeting at Ferenton in Crast. S. Georgii.

Another letter to the same effect. fol. 82 in dors.

The King to the D. & C. and to the Convent of Bath.
In answer to the prayers of their proctors, Godfrey Giffard, and Richard de Bamfield, Ricardc de Norreys, and John de Rading, grants the licence. Given at Notyngham, April 15, anno regni 48°.

The Prior & Convent of B. to the D. & C.
Have appointed two proctors to treat with the Chapter proctors at Ferenton about a day of election. Given on Thursday before S. Mark's Day. A.D. 1264.

Mem. that Master Roger de Sapwyke, & Gilbert de Sarum, canons & proctors for Wells, met Gilbert de Dunstor the Supprior, & Nicholas the Precentor of Bath at Ferenton on S. Mark's Day, and agreed upon the Thursday next after the Feast of S. Dunstan, as the day of election.

The D & C and the Convent appoint four proctors each to make the election, "de ipsis, vel de gremio, seu de collegio ecclesiarum nostrarum predictarum." Eodem die. A.D. 1264.

Mem. A.D. 1264. On the Thursday in May next after the Feast of S. Dunstan, May 22nd, Walter Gifford, Subdeacon and papal chaplain, & canon of Wells was chosen Bishop in the place of Bp. William deceased. The announcement is made by the Dean.

Note. Summons issued by the D. & C. to Canon Hugh de Mot' to be present on S. Scholastica's Day in the Convent at Bath, *i.e.* Feb. 10th, to

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treat of the election of a Bp. in the place of Bp. Walter translated to York.

Given at Wells, Jan. 11th, A.D. 1266.

fol. 83. Notification of the Election of Walter Giffard.

Notification to the King. May 23rd, A.D. 1264.

Notification to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Same date.

fol. 83 in dors. Notification to the Pope, on the same day. "Data ad cautelam," in the margin.

Confirmation by the Archbishop. Given at St Clodoald on Saturday after the translation of S. Thomas, the Martyr, A.D. 1264.

Institution by Ægidius Bp of Sarum of Galfrid de Merkesbury to the Vicarage of Bockland in Sarum diocese, on the presentation of Will. de Button the Rector, & Canon of Wells. Detail of the vicar's rights. The manor belongs to Glaston.

Given at Potterne, March 19th, Anno Episcop. 9°.

fol. 84. The D. & C. have read a dispensation granted by Pope Urban to Nicholas son of Nicholas rector of Dokemeresend to hold another benefice in plurality.

Given apud urbem veterem vi°. kal. Marcii Pontif. anno 2°.

Signed by the D. & C. Oct. 28, A.D. 1265.

Inspeximus & confirmation by the D. & C. of a grant made by Bp. Walter of one Virgate of land in Westbury to Randulf percarius formerly held by John le Smokyre; also some overland.

Test. Will. Gifford; Ric. de la More; Phil. de Wyke; Will. de Bosynton & Gilbert de Sarum Canons; Alex. de la Cnoll; Ric. de Briun; Ric. London.

Given at Wells, May 25th A.D. 1266.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Edward the D. & the C. of the appropriation to Glastonbury of the churches of Dulting and Estbrente by Bp. W. as a proof of goodwill after the long dissension between the churches, and for the purpose of increasing their means of hospitality &c., saving Episcopal and Archidiaconal rights, &c. &c., and an annual payment of 40 shillings towards the fabric of the Cathedral, to be made through the Archdn. Dated July 26, A.D. 1267. Anno pontif. nostri. 1°.

Confirmed by the Chapter on the same day.

Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 259.

fol. 84 in dors. Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of a pension of £20 granted by Bp. William, "de camera nostra," to Thomas de Button, the Precentor, who had resigned his office rather than that the Church should suffer while he is absent from his duties for the purposes of study. The pension to be paid until he is provided with an equivalent benefice.

Given in March, and confirmed April 11th, A.D. 1268.

Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant of a wood in Pokelescherch, lying by the park (formerly belonging to Robt. de Siston, and made by Bp. Walter) to Robt. Walerond, to be added to the park, &c.

Test. Will. Giffard; John de Chiverel; John de Grymstede; Thom. de S. Vigore; John fil Willi; Rog. de Clifton; Thom. de Daenton; Maurice de Salso Marisco, &c. Confirmed April 11th, A.D. 1268.

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Obligation of Galf. de Brideport to pay 100 shillings a year from land in Kerchel [Critchill] to four priests for two annualia each year, in the chapel of S. Mary on the south of the Great Church Wells; on behalf of the souls of Lady Agatha de Meysi, of Galfrid de Bridport, and Margerie his wife, &c., &c.

Test. Phil. de Button; Laurence de Cumpton; Ric. de London, Seneschal of the Dean; Ric. de Dultincote, & John de Dunore, burgesses of Wells; John de Mourton; Will. de la Cnoll; Galf. de Lucy, &c.

Given on Wednesday next after Palm Sunday, A.D. 1268.

Note "Brideport nunc Chideok."

Imprebendation of Dynre [Dinder].

There had been a difference between the Dean and Richard de Bamfeld a Canon of Wells as to a revenue of 6 marcs claimed by Richard as of his prebend of Merk. Both have submitted the question to the decision of Bp. William. The Bp. in consideration of the poverty of the Wells prebends, and the inconvenience of the payment of 20 shillings by the Church of Dogemersfeld, in his own patronage, to the prebend which the said Richard holds, and for the sake of Merk Church, [quam nuper dedicavimus] gives Dinre (in his own patronage) as a prebend to the said Richard. The pensions from Dogmersfeld and Merk to cease. Burials from Dinre to take place in the Mother Church of S. Cuthbert, Wells.

The Canons are not to have cure of souls in their prebendal churches but the vicars, &c., &c. fol. 85 in dors.

Given in Chapter April 4, A.D. 1268. Pontif. nostri. 1°.

Obligation of Thom. de . . . . to pay 4 shillings a year to Reginald Stori, vicar of Wells, during his life for certain houses, and after his death the same to be paid to the communarius to be distributed among the clerks in the Cathedral on his anniversary.

The D. & C. sell to Cecilia widow of Robt. de Mere the custody of the land & marriage of Symon son of the said Robt. in North Curry. If the said Symon should die before he comes of age, the said Cecilia shall have the same rights towards his brother and sister, whichever may be his heir, until the heir come of age. For this Cecilia pays 10 marcs silver.

Given in Chapter on S. Alban's Day, A.D. 1268.

Walter de Lechlade, the Succentor, binds himself to pay the rents of the houses of Reginald Stori, above named.

Dated Thursday next after S. Cuthbert's Day, A.D. 1268.

Robert the Prior and the College or Convent of Berliz, in return for benefits received from Hugo de Rumenal, formerly Treasurer of Wells, in the aid he gave them towards their building, and in the sum of 200 marcs stirling which he bequeathed to them; bind themselves to pay 100 shillings a year to a chaplain at Wells who shall celebrate on behalf of the soul of the said Hugo, and of all the faithful dead. They have spent part of the 200 marcs in acquiring the Advowson of the Church of Wynesford, and a rent of 100 shillings from that manor; the rest upon other pressing needs. The said rent of 100 shillings is appropriated to the D. & C. as above. fol. 86.

A sum of 20 shillings as interest, and a fine is to be paid to the fabric of the cathedral if ever there should be any default in the regular payments.

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They also bind themselves to hold a solemn service in their own choir, with placebo and dirige, on the 5th of March, and provide a pitance to the value of 4 shillings, on that day, in memory of the deceased; to be divided between themselves and the poor.

If this deed becomes worn out or is destroyed they will renew it as often as may be required.

Sealed by the Convent, by the Bishop William, and by his Official.

Given at Wells, Nov. 8, A.D. 1268.

The D. & C. in recognition of past benefits and with the hope of future aid, give to Cardinal O. a pension of 100 marcs sterling of new and legal money at 13/4 the marc, to be paid in London, until they shall have provided him with some benefice or dignity of equal value.

Given at Wells, Jan. 6, A.D. 1268.

A similar obligatory letter from the Bp. binding the Church to pay this pension.

Given at Wells, Jan. 7, A.D. 1268.

fol. 87.

The will of Canon Richard de Bamfeld.

To the Church of St Andrew and to the D. & C. all the lands he had of Walter Magot in Wokihole; viz, 27 acres arable, a bercaria and 2½ ac. of meadow. Also the lands which he had of the same Walter, in Wells and Dultingcote, viz, 34 acres. Part of it in Carswell field, and one acre on the King's Highway at Hornyngdon. And 7½ acres of meadow. Several houses. Masses to be said at S. Edmund's the Confessor's altar in the nave of the Cathedral, near to which he has, with the leave of the D. & C., chosen his burying-place. Details of services on his anniversary, &c. A candle to be kept burning before the cross in the nave. Also a mortarium to be kept burning at night before the altar of S. Mary within the Church. He will provide all this at once and keep it up during his lifetime.

fol. 87 in dors.

If after his death the rents should ever prove insufficient for all the observances at his obit, the lights may be omitted but by no means the celebration of the mass and the gifts to the poor; and if one of these must be omitted it must not be the mass. Any surplus to be given to pious uses as the D. & C. may appoint. Adjures the D. & C. to take care that none of these several foundations be ever annexed to any prebend, or to any person for life or for a term. If anyone of those who are appointed to serve are negligent, they shall pay as a fine one lb. of wax for the High Altar light for each offence.

All the revenue is to be paid to the Communarius and be distributed by him.

Test. Philip de Wyke; Philip de Button; Walter le Flemyng; Richard de London; Richard de Dultingcote; Thomas le Front; John de Cerde; Peter de Wodeford; Richard Stretche, &c. . .

Nov. 15th, A.D. 1268, the following days were appointed by the D. & C. for the attendance in Chapter of all Canons who should wish to be accounted residentiaries for that year, either in person, or by proxy if there is sufficient cause for their absence, in order to look into the accounts, and decide upon the amount to be distributed to each of them; and for other business. Any business transacted at other times must be confirmed upon one of these days. Except in cases of necessity. The days are the morrow of the Circumcision; April 2nd; July 2nd; and Oct. 1st.

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A small leaf inserted containing the mem. of the lease of the land at Woky, 27 ac. ar. and 2½ ac. of meadow given by Ric. de Bamfeld, to John the vicar for 16 shillings a year for 4 years, and 18 shillings a year afterwards, for the term of his life, or for such time as he may wish; he must keep in repair the bercaria.
March 30, A.D. 1294.

John de Button, prepositus of Cumbe undertakes to pay the pension of 100 marcs to Cardinal O. fol. 88.
Jan. 13, A.D. 1268.

Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of licence given by Bp. William to Richard de Wigornia and his family to have divine service in his own chapel at Wyke because of the distance of the parish Church of Lydiard.
He also had, after consultation with the D. & C. impropriators of the said church, and with the vicar, granted to him and his own family that they may receive the holy water and holy bread but no other sacramentalia in the chapel. None of the parishioners of Lydiard may attend the chapel. Any offerings made to it must be paid by the chaplain to the vicar of the church.
Details of services which may not be held in the chapel, &c.
Given at Woky, Feb. 26, A.D. 1268. Confirmed March 6th.

Acquittance of Edward the Dean and Thomas the Precentor of Wells collectors for the first year of the tithe granted by the Pope to the King in every diocese, and accounted for by them to Walter the Treasurer; Peter de Wynton; and Ægidius de Audenard; the king's servants. The sum collected is £334 11*s.* 1*d.* The amount not paid they estimate at £2 15*s.* 11½*d.* The names of the defaulters have been given to the Bp., that the money may be raised. Besides this £10 16*s.* 0*d.* due was not paid by certain of the churches of the Hospitallers, Templars, Cistercian monks, the Abbot of Bec, and a certain Cardinal, because they are privileged. One marc due from the Church of Lutton has been compounded for by Walter de Merton with the King himself. The legate has also given an acquittance for £6 8*s.* 0*d.* due from three churches which belong to Solianus. fol. 88 in dors.
The whole sum is £362 4*s.* 4½*d.*
Given at Westminster April 12th, anno regni 53°.

The letter of the Prior of Berliz similar to that on fol. 86.

Leave of absence given by Bp. W. with the consent of the D. & C. to Nicholas the Treasurer, for three years for the purpose of study. fol. 89.
Given at Dogmersfeld, July 23. Pontif. nostri. anno 3°.

Similar licence granted to the said N. fil Nich. by the D. & C. (but they speak of 5 years) and addressed to the Bp.
Given at Wells on Sunday next after S. James, Ap. A.D. 1269.

Letter of the D. & C. They have submitted a question which has arisen between themselves, the patrons, and Thomas Mackerel, the Rector of the church of Stokgumber, to the decision of the Bp. in council with Robert, Abbot of Glaston, the Dean, & Thomas, the Archdn. of Wells.
Given at Wells on the morrow of S. Jerom. A.D. 1270.

Grant by the D. & C. to Roger Huzet of 5 acres of land and a messuage in North Cury. fol. 86 in dors.
Given on S. Valentine's Day, A.D. 1272.

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Bond for 100 marcs due from Berliz to the D. & C.
Given on S. Nicholas Day, A.D. 1273.

The Priory of Berliz.

When Robert Burnel, Archd. of York wished to sell his manor of Morba, in which we had a rent of 100 shillings, and also the parish church appropriated to our use; we in consideration of that which would be advantageous to the manor, and of the fact that the said Robert had always refused to pay the said 100 shillings, and moreover questioned our right to the church, deliberated about buying the manor. But inasmuch as this was beyond our own means, we had recourse to the Bp. and to the D. & C., and to the Exors. of the Will of John de Button, senior, the prepositus of Cumbe, in Wells Cathedral, as was often our wont in our difficulties. They lent to us 520 marcs sterling to make the purchase of the whole manor with all its appurtenances. In return we promise to pay for ever 26 marcs yearly to the said D. & C. [at certain dates named]. Six marcs of the sum to be expended on masses for the souls of Bp. William, but 15 for the soul of the aforenamed prepositus, &c. &c.

fol. 90. The churches of Brumpton, Wynesford, and Hulleferun, are especially charged with this payment.

A fine of 3 marcs to be paid to the fabric of the cathedral for any default in the payment.

Given on the vigal of S. Nicholas, A.D. 1273.

Grant by William de Button, Bp. of B. & W., nephew and heir of John de Button prepositus of Cumbe, to the D. & C. of all the servitium due from his brother Thomas de Button, Archdn. of Wells, and the Archdns his successors, upon a tenement in Middleton given to the Archdn. by him, saving an annual payment of 10 marcs to that Church, to be expended on behalf of the soul of William de Button his predecessor.

Test. Richard de la More, and Adam de Button, knights; Philip de Button; Richard de London; Walter de Sutton; William called le Gyw de Wynescumbe; Adam Caynn; Thomas de Hamm; William Haymun, &c.

Given on S. Mathew's Day, A.D. 1273.

fol. 90 in dors. Petition by Edward the Dean & the C. to the King for leave to elect a Bishop in room of Bp. William de Button, the second, deceased.

Given at Wells, Dec. 13th, A.D. 1274.

Licence given by King Edward.

At Oveston, Dec. 20, Anno regni 3°.

Citation sent by W. the Prior of Bath to the D. & C. to appear by their proctors at Fernham on Holy Innocents day for the purpose of electing a Bp.

Given at Bath on S. Stephen's Day, A.D. 1274.

The D. & C. have appointed William de Welyngton, and Henry de Essex, Canons as their proctors.

Given at Wells on S. John's Day, A.D. 1274.

Mem. That the firm of Lovinton and Mudford was granted to Henry Huse, Chancellor of Wells, in the presence of the Precentor, and the Canons W. de Welinton; Hugh Everard; John de Wymborne; Walter Burnel. Decanatu vacante.

Given on S. Gregory's day, A.D. 1291.

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A small parchment inserted containing apparently legal opinions upon the question of the patronage of Glastonbury Abbey.

On the back. The opinion of the D. & C. addressed to the R. Bp. elect of B. & W. upon a proposed agreement with Glastonbury. They would recommend it for the sake of peace, but experience has taught them to distrust the monks, and that they have no security that objections will not be raised by them hereafter to any agreement which may be come to now.

Letter of Walter the Prior of Bath and Edward the Dean of Wells to all men. fol. 91.

On the morrow of S. Vincentius, A.D. 1274, we having come together in the Chapter at Wells for the purpose of electing a Bp., appointed Richard Supprior of Bath; Martin de Donester; Matthew de Donestre; John de Redyng; Thomas de Wynton; Richard de Chernibury; and John the Precentor; Monks of Bath; Thomas the Archdn. of Wells; Henry de Montefort; Masters, Constantine, Philip de Stanton; William the Subdean; Robert de Braundon; and Roger de Cruk; Canons of Wells; to make the election of one of themselves, or of one of the members of the two churches [de ipsis de gremio, seu de collegiis eccl^{m} nostr^{m} predictr^{m}]. We undertake to accept whomsoever 13 or 12, or 11, or 10 of them at the least, may agree upon.

N.B. The Martin above is Prior of Dunster.

The above-named 14, appointed by the Convent of Bath and the D. & C. of Wells to be the electors, report that they have chosen Robert Burnell, a Canon of Wells; and Thomas, Archdn. of Wells adds his assent for himself and his fellow electors.

Jan. 23^{d}, A.D. 1274, on the morrow of S. Vincentius.

A longer formal recital of the last.

Notification sent by the D. & C. & the Convent of Bath to the Archbishop of Canterbury about the election. fol. 91 in dors.

Jan. 24th, A.D. 1274.

Also to the King on the same day.

Archbp. Robert, at the desire of Robert Bp. of B. & W., disclaims any right to the patronage of Glaston. During the vacancy of the see of B. & W., the Archbp. had been desired to confirm the election of John de Tanton as abbott. He had by his official William de Middleton quashed the election, not for any objection to the person, but for irregularity in the election, and had then himself appointed the said John de Tanton.

Given at Lambeth April 30th, A.D. 1275.

Printed in Adam de Domerham. Vol. I. p. 270.

A canonical house, situated towards Torr, given to Walter Burnell for life at a rent of 6 shillings; the said W. B. to keep it in repair. fol. 92.

The exors. of the will of Hugh de Romenal, by the advice of the D. & C., charge the Succentor with the care of the Missa Matutinalis of the said H. de R., and allow 6 marcs to the chaplains who celebrate. Details of revenues belonging thereto.

The Church of Lydiard granted ad firmam to the Succentor for 35 marcs yearly. He is to undertake all the ordinary charges which would fall upon the D. & C. Keep in repair the chancel, and the houses &c. &c. Details. fol. 92 in dors.

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A mem. of A.D. 1340. Concerning the appropriation of the Church of "Hamtone."

fol. 93.

Mem. The Church of Wells, anciently called Fontanensis and at one time Tudington, was the only cathedral in the bishoprick, and had the sole right of choosing the Bishop, whose title was Fontanensis or Wellensis, and who resided with the Canons in Wells, until the time of Bp. John who placed his seat in the Monastery at Bath of which he was a monk. From that time the Bps. were named of Bath, though the Canons of Wells did not consent to this. Pope Alexander III. confirmed to the Canons of Wells their right of election in conjunction with the monks of Bath. After a time the monks without notice to the Canons of B. & W. elected Savaric, and obtained the papal confirmation, the canons being left in complete ignorance of the whole transaction. Upon the death of Savaric the Canons regained their rights, and joined with the monks in the election of Joceline, now lately deceased. In the 36th year of the said Bp. J. *i.e.* A.D. 1242 on the 19th of Nov. the monks of Bath, in contravention of the right [of which there is documentary proof] sought to exclude the D. & C. from sharing in the election, &c.

Statement of the steps taken by the D. & C. to the same effect as already described in former pages.

fol. 93 in dors. and fol. 94.

Recitation of earlier elections. The D. & C. have the letters of Pope Nicholas II. that he has ordained priest Giso, whom the clergy had elected.

Letters of Pope Alexander to the D. & C. assenting to their election of R., Archdn. of Sarum.

Letters from Pope Alexander confirming to the D. & C. their rights, &c. which they had had for 200 years, until the time of Bp. John.

And others of later date which have been already mentioned, bearing upon the rights of the D. & C. in the election of Bishops.

fol. 94 in dors.

The Chapter to their Dean J. Sarracenus at Rome. Urge him to press on their business, especially with regard to the 4 questions, and return home as quickly as possible. Authorise him to expend money freely rather than that the adversary should prevail; and that we may have useful friends at the Court, &c.

The D. & C. propose that the election of Roger should be quashed.

Also they make several propositions for future elections. That the ancient right of sole election should be restored to the D. & C. of Wells.

That the election should belong alternately to the D. & C. and to the Convent of Bath.

That it should belong to them both in common, and be held alternately at Wells and Bath.

That some neutral place should be named by the Pope where the election may be held by both together.

That the matter should be wholly referred to arbitrators, not in England [e.g. to the Dean and Chancellor of Paris, or others at the appointment of the Pope] because of the power of the magnates of England who will intrude themselves into any election. All the Churches of England both in spiritual things and in temporalities have suffered very much and are in great danger, both in the head and in each of the members from these great men.

Or that both sides should appear in the Roman Court by their proctors, who shall be fully instructed beforehand, as it is difficult to

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send witnesses and the necessary documents by reason of the many perils of the journey. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

Marginal note in the same hand. fol. 95.

Nominentur loca media. Non ecclesie conventuales. Loca autem media sunt hec solum. Parochiales ecclesie; Norton canonicorum; Ferentun; Witechireche; Dultinges; Churton; Stonestun.

The right of proclaiming the name of the person elected and of presenting for examination & to the Archbp. belongs to the Dean of Wells, &c.

The whole case to be submitted a notary or abreviator that he may draw up the best case he can, to be submitted to the Pope, or that the case may be submitted in France or in England to any of the judges named below.

The D. & C. would prefer that the case should come before the curia, but if there must be a commission, these are the judges they would wish for.

If in England. The Bps. of Worcester and Norwich, and the Archdn. of Suthbury in Norwich diocese. Also the Bishop, Dean, and Archdn. of Lincoln, or the Archdn. of Huntingdon in Lincoln diocese.

If in France. The Prepositus of St Adomar, Morinensis dioc. The Dean, and the master of the scholars Novionensis dioc., and the Archdn. Rothomagensis.

Protest by the D. & C. against the installation of Bp. Roger at Bath, before it has been celebrated in Wells.

Note at the top of the page concerning the letters which W. the Archdn. of Tanton, and the Sub-dean carried with them when they went to France. fol. 95 in dors.

The D. & C. have appointed W. de S. Quintin, Archd. of Tanton, and Hugh the Sub-dean, their proctors to borrow £100 sterling, to be spent on business in the Roman Court.

Given at Wells on Saturday next before S. Dionisius, A.D. 1244.

Nine "paria" of similar letters were carried by them. One for £100; a second for 100 marcs; a third for 50 marcs; a fourth for 50 marcs; a fifth for 40 marcs; a sixth for 30 marcs; a seventh for 30; an eighth for 25; and a ninth for 25 marcs. An 10th for 40 marcs, on behalf of W. preposit de Cumb.

Notification to the Pope of the appointment of these proctors to represent the D. & C. at Rome.

Given at Wells on the morrow of S. Dionisius, A.D. 1244.

The four following entries are all crossed out.

The first authorises Robt. de Marisco to borrow for the D. & C., 50 marcs to be spent at Rome.

The 2nd states that on the morrow of the Purification, A.D. 1244, the D. & C. issued 8 paria of letters for borrowing money at Florence and London.

The 3rd that in the following year 3 paria of similar letters were issued.

The fourth that R. de M. deposits certain documents with the D. & C.

Petition to the Pope for the appointment of judges at home. And also entries about tithes and the prepositura. fol. 96.

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Mem. that the Dean has one document dealing with the prepositura of Cumbe put forth by the Chapter of Wells, and another which contains the consent of the Chapter of Bath.

An entry, dated A.D. 1245, of a loan of 30 marcs, crossed out.

On the day when the Dean J. left Wells, viz., on the Sunday next before the Decollation of S. John, he took with him six sets of letters for loans. Three for 20 marcs each, and 3 for 5 marcs each.
A.D. 1245. The Dean gives security to the Chapter.

fol. 96 in dors. At the top of the page a mem. that the following letters were received on Monday next after S. Ambrose, i.e., April 10, A.D. 1245.
R. the Bp. to the D. & C. The prebend of Lutton is vacant by the resignation of R. de Derham, he confers it on John de Derham, and calls upon the Chapter to admit him as a Canon, &c.

Breve regis to the D. & C. to show cause why they have taken tolls, &c.

R. the Precentor has appointed Galf. de Clinton to the perpetual vicarage of Pulton. The Bp. calls upon the Chapter to do their part.

Breve regis. The D. & C. to appear on the complaint of Jac̃ de Thurlebere that they have impounded his animals wrongfully.

Concerning the vicarage of Congesbury. A.D. 1245.

The D. & C. to Master H. de Evesham about the vicarage of S. Decumans. The Bp. had learnt during his late visitation of the Archdnry. of Tanton, in the hospital of Bruges (Bridgewater) that the Vicar of H. de Evesham's prebend of S. Decuman's, had for a long time been under an obligation to enter that order, and that he proposed to deal with the Vicarage as though it were vacant. The Prebendary to appear before the Archdn. that order may be taken in his presence. And the D. & C. will appear in order to protect their rights in the prebend. A.D. 1245.

On Sunday next after S. Michael's, A.D. 1246, the D. & C. grant the prebend of Bidesham to Hugh the Sub-dean ad firmam.

fol. 97. Mem. on Friday next after S. Barnabas the Chapter [the names are given] determine that on the death of any canon the two parts of the prebend which belong to the D. & C. be sold, &c.

A cause between two citizens, Richard le Chamberleng and John le Draper, had come before the Dean, as having jurisdiction over the city, and the said John had been forbidden entrance to the church because he had not given satisfaction within the time appointed in the judgment. He questions the judgment and appeals to the Chapter from whom the Dean derives his jurisdiction. The Sub-dean in the absence of the Dean having taken an oath of the said John that he would prosecute his appeal or submit, the Dean on his return approved of his action. A.D. 1245.

A dispute between Milo the communar and some of the canons, settled by the D. & C. A.D. 1245.

The Bp. to appear for the D. & C. at Westminster in a suit with Henry de Montefort concerning the Advowson of the Church of Ham.

A chapter held on Monday week after S. Katherine's (the names of those present given) when each one is asked "si vellent accomodare

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communam" from year to year for the payment of the debt of 1775 marcs contracted in Curia Romana, and which has to be paid in 5 years from the day of the Purification in A.D. 1245. They answer unanimously "quod communa tota accomodetur," but any surplus should be divided among them. If it could be done conveniently the 200 marcs which ought to be paid at S. Nicholas Day next coming of the new corn which was then in the granges, should be distributed, otherwise the denarii should be kept for payment at that time, &c.

A part of the page torn off.

On Thursday, the Vigil of S. Thomas, A.D. 1246, the D. & C. appoint Rey [torn off] their proctor "ad impetrandum, contradicendum, et Judices eligendum in Curiâ Romanâ."

Nolumus tamen quod per literas istas aliquem faciat contractum, &c.

Appeal of the Chapter against the Papal Delegates. fol. 97 in dors.

Mem. On Saturday next before S. Laurence, A.D. 1244, after the hour of Vespers, and on the morning of the Monday following, the Chapter of Wells, in full chapter, made appeal against any orders whatsoever on the part of R. Prior of the Hospital of S. John, of Northampton, and Master Thomas de Shereford, sub-delegates of the Priors of Chauncumbe, and Wroxton, delegates of the Pope, &c.; "Maxime cum dictus Archidiaconus [no Archdn. has been mentioned before] ob causas manifestas et rationabiles ab eis appellaverit, quas ipsi, una cum exceptionibus suis legitimis, recusaverunt admittere, et juris ordine non observato contra ipsum temere presumpserunt procedere. Appellavit autem dictum capitulum ad dmn. Papam et ad tuitionem appellationis sue ad dmn. Cantuar electum."

Mem. That on Tuesday the morrow of the Martyrdom of S. John Bapt., at about the hour of Vespers, a clerk William of North Curry by name, "una cum scutifero," brought letters from the Prior of Northampton, and Master Thomas de Shereford to Wells, and laid them upon the High Altar. As soon as this was known the canons and vicars met together in the Chapel of S. Mary and before they touched the letters with their hands, or looked at them, they made appeal in the presence of the messengers in the following form.

The Chapter appeal for each and all [as in the last] inasmuch a W. de Button, Archn. of Wells, formerly made appeal solemn and public, against any command on the part of the papal delegates in a cause between himself and W. de Wells, for that the said commissaries had refused to do him justice by quashing his exceptiones legitimas, and by not admitting his legitimate appeals [which the Chapter has inspected and hold to be good], the Chapter appeal against being called upon to act against the said Archdn. by way of suspension, excommunication, or interdiction.

Mem. W. de Wells has been solemnly excommunicated by the ordinary for that he has shown very much contumacy in ringing the bells and lighting the candles, and this has been published in all churches in the Archdeaconry. His hardness of heart continues. Lest therefore the clerks of Wells should incur peril to their own souls by being compelled to associate with him, the Chapter appeal to the Pope against the interference of the said sub-delegates.

Also that none of their own body, nor the Abbot of Glaston, nor any of his, nor any person whatsoever be compelled by the said sub-delegates to admit the excommunicated William to a stall in the choir, or to

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a seat in the Chapter, or to divine service in the Cathedral at Wells, or knowingly to communicate with him.

It appears that one Hubert, a clerk [but part of the entry has been erased] has been excommunicated for being present at the murder or manslaughter of some one, as an accessory, the Chapter appeal against being considered as in any way involved in the scandal, or against being compelled to admit him against their will.

The Chapter being exempt from any sentence of excommunication pronounced by any save the Pope himself "nisi ex causâ manifestâ," appeal against a sentence pronounced against them by the said sub-delegates.

Another appeal on the ground that the said sub-delegates have manifestly acted illegally.

Another appeal [very difficult to read]. It seems that the sub-delegates have given sentence in favour of W.

Letter of the sub-delegates addressed to the Chapter clerk. The litigation they say is between W. de Wells, Archdeacon of Wells, and William de Button who claims to be Archdeacon of Wells. The Chapter is summoned to appear before the said sub-delegates in the Cathedral [Major Ecclesia] on the morrow of Exalt. S. Crucis [apparently to hear the sentence, but the writing is very indistinct and the page torn].
Given at Banbury on Saturday next before the Assumption, A.D. 1244.

A short entry of three lines, very difficult to read.

Mem. The Dean J. Sarracenus had wished to obtain the firm of one of the Chapter properties, but it had been refused him by the Chapter solely on account of the power that he and his friends have at the Roman Court, otherwise it ought and it would be granted to him as it is to the Deans of other Cathedrals. The names of those present are given.
In Oct. S.S. Peter and Paul, A.D. 1247.

fol. 98. Charter of P. the Dean and the C. of Wells. At the request of Bp. Josceline they have accepted, ad firmarium for life Ilditius nephew of John, Cardinal presbyter S. Praxidis bone memorie, Vicar of Cristemeleford, at a rent of 25 marcs, &c. Sept. 19. Anno translationis S. Thome Martyris, primo.

Receipt by the D. & C. of two marcs from Walter Archdn. of Tanton for the prebend of Master Hugo de Ac'o dei. A.D. 1245.

On Wednesday next to the Assumption, A.D. 1246, before the Chapter (whose names are given) William de Dynam is accused of fornication. If he sin again he is to lose his office of Vicar.
W. de Cerde who was also accused, denied the charge. S. Bartholomew's Day is appointed for him to appear before the Chapter and clear himself. He appeared, failed and confessed his guilt. Sentence as above.
A third case treated in the same way.

Maritagium of Johanna de la Slo of North Curry granted by the D. & C. to her. March 24, A.D. 1247.

A yearly audit ordered. A.D. 1248.

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An entry, much of it rubbed out, apparently the grant by the Chapter to Dean J. Sarracenus at his request, and for the term of his holding the Deanery, of . . . . ad scolas . . ad firmam. A.D. 1251.

fol. 98 in dors.

Mem. On Friday next before S. George's Day, A.D. 1245, the Dean J. Sarracenus having returned from Rome gave back to the Chapter the documents he had taken with him, viz., the letter of Pope Innocent IV., beginning "bone memorie." A letter of the same to the Convent of Bath upon the election of Bp. Roger. A letter of the same to the King on the same subject. Another to the Clerks of the City and to the Clerks of the diocese. Another to the citizens of Bath. Another to the D. & C. of Wells. Two sets of letters upon the final decision which had been come to. A letter of Cardinal Richard acknowledging the receipt of £50 as a gift from the Chapter. Two sets of letters from the Merchants of Florence about a loan of 200 marcs, which had not been raised, and the letters withdrawn. The Chapter's letter upon that subject remains to be restored. The letters of the Chapter by which they excommunicate the Abbot of Bec for not paying his contributions. 10 sets of letters from the Chapter some procuratorial, and some to the Cardinals.

Mem. About the time of the Feast of All Saints, A.D. 1250 or A.D. 1251, W. de S. Quintin, Archdn. of Tanton, restored to the Chapter their Grange with that autumn's harvest in it, excepting the hay which he retained, on the condition that if the corn were worth and could be sold for £4 he should be free of rent for one year. If the corn sells for more than £4 he shall have half the surplus, if for less he will make good half the loss.

Two letters [both crossed out] of credit given to W. de Button for the purpose of loans for use at Rome.

Mem. On Thursday next after S. Michael, A.D. 1245, H. the Sub-dean was sent to London bearing letters of credit for the negotiation of a loan of 700 marcs in the Roman Court; and of a loan of 700 marcs in London, if perchance he could effect one there. Also to treat with the merchants of Florence about a previous loan, of which the proofs are in the New Temple, London. And also to treat about a question between the Chapter and Ilditius.

Item. Other similar letters, one about the purchase of corn, another an account de amerciamentis.

These letters are returned to the Chapter by the Sub-dean when he came back from London.

Receipt for all money due from W. prepositus of Cumbe.

A very faint entry, seems to record the death of John faber on the night of Sunday, the morrow of the Birth of S. John, Bapt. A.D. 1250.

fol. 99.

An entry of two lines, very faint, A.D. 1245. Seems to record the payment of 10 shillings dn° Miloni, out of 30 due to the King.

Letter sent by J. de Kenesham to London, apparently in the matter of a difference with Bath.

A long entry, very difficult to read, containing procuratorial letters about the payment of sums of money, and the dispute with Ilditius, in which R. de Staviton and another canon of S. Paul's are intermediaries, &c.

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Mem., that Robt. la Warre, clerk, firmarius of Eston, received this letter from the Chapter, viz., that he holds the prebend of Eston, ad firmam from Robt. de Marisco, Canon of Wells, at 24 marcs.

Mem. that A.D. 1250, "contulit capitulum obitum Magistri E. de Badestan Galfrido de Sutton." Two short entries very difficult, and two illegible.

fol. 99 in dors.

Mem. on S. Bartholomew's Day, A.D. 1250. Contulit capitulum obitum of Lucas de Membury to Walchin, brother of R. le Teynt, & Janck de Sutton, &c.

On Sunday next after S. Vincent contulit thesaurario et cuidam cum eo, obitum prepositi de Cumbe; Petri de Bristol; and Willeck de Hamtone.

G. de Totten appears in the Chapter on behalf of his vicar, but those present will not decide the case because those members of the Chapter who dealt with it before are not present.

A.D. 1250. Robert de Evesham paid into the treasury 25 marcs.

Admission to office of a vicar.

A question of homage and service, in the case of W. le Buteler.

Mem. A.D. 1252. The widow of John Faber gave two-thirds of certain houses.

The two following entries very difficult. Apparently on the same subject as the last.

fol. 100.

On Tuesday next after S. Martin, A.D. 1250, the D. & C. having found that Bp. W. de Button had given their Church of Congresbury to his nephew William de Button, appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Wednesday following in a Chapter to which certain vicars (named), 24 in number, had been specially summoned.

A similar appeal was made in the Chapter of Axebrigg by Adam de Gessich, Roger de Sapewick, W. de Purly.

On Sunday, the Vigil S. Edmund the appeal is entered formally in the Chapter.

On the same day the Sub-dean, in the Church of Ham by Stoke, "evocatis omnibus laicis et clericis qui aderant," read the protest publicly in the presence of the Prior of the Hospital of S. John; William Buth, and William Russell. On S. Edmund's Day John de Cerd, vicar at Wells, read the appeal at Congresbury in the presence of many people (10 named) who have been specially summoned.

A deputation sent to the Bishop at Crokely to humbly beg him to recall his act on Tuesday, S. Cecilia's Day.

A.D. 1257. Walter de Purley, a canon, accused of incontinence, agrees to absent himself for a year, and that the proceeds of his prebend should go to the fabric.

fol. 100 in dors.

The supplication to the Bishop continued.

"Ad cautelam" they also read the appeal before him.

A similar entry.

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The Bishop is not willing to recall his act, but he makes certain proposals. The Chapter is called together.

Mem. That a canon convicted of incontinence, was banished from the Church and city from Easter to Michaelmas, is to lose his portion of the daily distribution, pay a fine of 60 shillings to the master workman of the Cathedral, and will be fined still more heavily, and be deprived of his canonry if he proves incorrigible. A.D. 1265.

Another statement of the Chapter about Congresbury. Upon which the Bp. is to be cited. Entrusted to Adam de Gessich. fol. 101.

Citation issued by the official of the Archbp. of Canterbury on the petition of the D. & C. to the Bp. to appear at S. Mary's de Arcubus. W. de Button is also to appear.

Given at Otteford on Sunday next after S. Andrew, A.D. 1251.

Mem. that a duplicate was issued, one to the said Adam at Crokel and the other to J. Fort and to the Succentor, "ut per duos gratiores facerent ipsum citari."

Another copy is sent to Bath and placed on the High Altar.

This citation arrived in Wells on Friday next after S. Nicholas.

Propositions for a compromise made by the Chapter in answer to a letter from the Bp.

Protestation of Ægidius Archdn. of Berkshire "quod pretextu electionis de ipso facte in decanum Wellen a jure et possessione Archid. sui Berkesire vel aliorum beneficiorum suorum non recedit nec recedere intendit. Si forsitan auctoritate sedis Apostolice dictum decanatum conferri contigerit vel de ipso aliter ordinari," he appeals to the Apostolic see against any deprivation of benefices, &c. which he now holds.

Manumission of W. Gyan. Conf. fol. 62 in dors.

The D. & C. on the presentation of Stephen de Tornaco, Canon of Wells, of the Prebend of Withchirche, admit Will, son of Th. de Welynton to the Church of Benhangre, saving to them an annual payment of 10 minæ of winnowed corn. fol. 101 in dors.

Charter of W. de Tornaco, monk de parco jud, formerly Dean of Lincoln concerning these minæ.

Inspex. by Bp. Josceline of a Charter of Dean Peter & the Chapter, granting to R. Gyfarde certain tithes arising from S. Cuthbert's, and the White Monks, on an annual payment of 20 marcs. A.D. 1239.

Boniface, Archbp. claims jurisdiction at Lincoln, sede vacante.

The Chapter, the Dean not present, confirm the will of Canon J. de Theynton, of which the exors are his brother R. de Chyclet, and J. de Hereford. A.D. 1254. fol. 102.

E. de Cnoll, prebendary of Hengestreng, has bought the off going crops of the said prebend for 25 marcs, and states that the repairs required are worth 5 marcs, &c.

On the Vigil of the Assumption A.D. 1254, at the order of Ægidius de Bridport, then Dean of Wells, the Chapter seal was affixed to an Inspex & confirmation of a grant of land at Dundry in Chew Manor made by Bp. W. to John de Olveston.

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Test. Thom. de Auttevill; Ric. fil Hamonis; John Mauruward, Luca de Warri; Ric. de Bonville; Hugh Womstrang; Pet de Gurnay, &c.

Presentation of John de la Pola to the vicarage of S. Cuthbert's. A.D. 1256.

Presentation of Symon Gyas to the vicarage of North Curry. A.D. 1256.

fol. 102 in dors. Ratification by the D. & C. of the deposition of Roger de Ford, Abbot of Glaston, at a visitation held by Bp. W. in the Monastery, in the presence of John the Chancellor, Hugh the Treasurer, Walter the Archdn. of Tanton, John the Subdean, Richard the Succentor, and Rich de Cranford, as representatives of the Chapter.

Given at Wells, Feb. 20. A.D. 1255.

Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I. p. 255.

Mem. May 18th A.D. 1256, the Chapter put forth the following letters "pro negocio decanatus suspenso per B. de Nymph auctoritate literarum dni pape."

1st. Canon N. de Crauford or Cranford appointed proctor for the selection of judges in the Roman court.

2d. The same N, and also J. de Cheyham, Canon of S. Paul's London; Gilbert de Sarr, rector of Westbury; Walter de Lechldae, vicar at Wells, are appointed proctors in the same business.

3rd. The same are appointed to petition the Pope on behalf of the Chapter's right of free election in the matter of the Dean lately suspended by the said B. de N.

Presentation of Thomas Corbyn to the vicarage of Winscombe vacant by the death of John de Kaynesham, A.D. 1256.

Edward de Cnoll elected Dean in the place of Ægidius, elected and confirmed Bp. of Sarum.

Notification to the Bp. on Tuesday next after the Feast Exalt. S. Crucis, A.D. 1256.

E. the Dean to the Chapter, advises that the house of the late Adam de Gessich be given by the Chapter to Nicholas de Walton who cannot reside in his own canonical house on account of its bad condition.

Given at Wylton, before the Feast of S.S. Fabian and Sebastian, A.D. 1256.

fol. 103. Mem. On the Feast of the Assumption A.D. 1252, the following letters were sent out by the Chapter.

1. Manumission of John de la Sande, his freedom has been bought from Dean J. Saracenus by Radulf de Chyu, Vicar of Wells, with one bisant of gold.

2. Inspex. of a grant of a virgate of land at Luteleston in Wedmoreland, made by J. Sarracenus to Ric. de Benham.

The Chapter seal affixed to the appointment of William le Rus de Berstall to be the Chapter's proctor in general business. A.D. 1256.

Letting of the houses bequeathed by Walter the Chamberlain for the support of his obit. A.D. 1256.

The Church of Weston appropriated to Bath Convent.

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Inspex. and confirmation by Edward the Dean & the C. of the appropriation of the Churches of Portbury, Tykeham, Were, and Paulet, to the Abbey of S. Augustine, Bristol, by Bp. William, after solemn and careful consultation with the Chapters of Bath and Wells. This is granted partly because the Abbey is situated upon the high way and therefore receives an unusual number of guests. A.D. 1257. fol. 103 in dors.

William de Rus appointed proctor as before. A.D. 1257.

Charter of Alex. Hose, granting to the Church of St. Andrew, certain houses which lie towards Torre, and which once belonged to Henry de Tracy.

Inspex. and conf. by the D. & C., of a grant of Bp.'s land in Chiu to Reginald la Weyte. A.D. 1259.

Appropriation by Bp. W., after consultation with the Chapter, to the Convent of Bath, of the Church of Batheneston, of which the advowson had been given to them by Lady Matilda, of Batheneston, during her widowhood. A.D. 1258. fol. 104.

John dictus frater, Vicar of Wells, the bearer of this commendatory letter, on account of his want of learning, and in the hope that he can redeem this by study in the schools while he is still young, has resigned his office, with the permission of the Chapter. A.D. 1259.

Peter the Dean's grant of the tithes of S. Cuthbert's, as in fol. 101 in dors.

The D. & C. quitclaim to John de Britford, vicar in the Cathedral of Sarum, a rent of 10 shillings, payable by Peter de Wylton, on a tenement in New Sarum, formerly belonging to Adam de Gessich. fol. 104 in dors.

Test. Galf Hamelin, ballivus Sarum, Gilbert Chinne, then Mayor, Brian de Badeston, and John Spetiar, then Coronator, Peter de Montepossulano and Roger de Stok, then prepositi, Nich de S. Quintin, Elias Buche, Albin tanator, &c.

Inspex. by the D. & C. of an agreement made by Bp. Ægidius, between the John de Bucton, prepositus in the Church at Wells, and rector of Assebur, in Sarum diocese, and Galford de Ferington, Precentor of Chichester, and rector of Chiselden, concerning certain tithes. A.D. 1259.

Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of the grant of a pension of 10 marcs made by Bp. W. to G. de S. Leophard, until such time as he can provide him with a prebendal benefice.

Given by the Bp. at Dogmersfeld, Sept. 26, A.D. 1260.

An act of Chapter about the communa. fol. 105.

Division used to be made per viginti et sex septimanas ad minus. It is now ordered that an audit shall be held four times a year. The administrator shall always have 50 marcs from the revenues of North Curry, ready for division among the residentiaries each year. Rents to be paid within 8 days of the 4 terms. Each term to be 13 weeks. The Dean and principal canons to reside only 8, other canons 6 weeks and 4 days in each term. Non-residence partial or complete in any one term may not be made up in another. The first term shall begin on the morrow of S. Michael and last until the Vigil of S. Silvester, both days included. The second shall end with the last day of March. The third with the last day of June, &c.

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Given in the Chapter, present Edward the Dean; Gilbert de Byham, Precentor; John Forti, Chancellor; Hugh de Rumen, Treasurer; John de Axebruge, Subdean; Richard, Succentor; Master John Odelyn; John de Hereford; Walter de Cusynton; Samuel de Mells; Roger de Sapuwyke; Robert de Marescis; Richard de Haldelworth; Robert Giffard; Nicholas de Wantum; William de Pulton; Adam de Worcester; Walter de Purly. March 5, A.D. 1259.

Confirmation of the Charter of John de Button, prepositus, granting to Walter de la Haya, land at Cadgbury. A.D. 1260.

fol. 105 in dors. Charter of Galfrid le ferur of Wells, granting to Walter de Cadicote, Vicar of Wells, "totam fabricam meam, . . cum selda parte boreali, et cum toto solario, &c.," on the west side of the cemetery.

Batheston Church appropriated. Conf. fol. 104.

Mem. Galfrid de Praule seeks for the restitution of a vicar's place formerly held by him, but now by another. The Chapter promise him one. A.D. 1262.

fol. 106. Canon John Odeline, prebendary of Yatton, provides for an annual payment to himself and his successors in the prebend, of three shillings, for which he gives to Peter the Prior of St. John's Hospital, Wells. 5 marcs, raised upon a part of the park of the said prebend, which he had assarted. August, A.D. 1260.

Philip de Button in the month of January, A.D. 1260, obtained leave from the D. & C. for the celebration of divine service in his chapel at Maulsberg; John, the Vicar of S. Cuthbert's, assenting, on the condition that all offerings, his own, or his family's, or those of other people, made at the four great Feasts, and those which he is bound to pay as a parishioner, shall go to the Mother Church of S. Cuthbert; saving only one penny a day for the Chaplain. For this privilege he is to pay 2 shillings a year.

Walter the Chamberlain's houses let. Conf. fol. 103.

Another similar letting of a house.

fol. 106 in dors. Confirmation by the D. & C. of a grant made by Bp. William of a messuage and ferdel of land, &c., in Chedder to Will. Malet, at a rent of 3*s*. 8½*d*.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of a licence to elect their Prior given by Bp. William to the Convent of Bath. Given at Dogmersfeld, May 19, A.D. 1261, and confirmed on June 8 in the same year.

Transcript of a charter of John, regis marescallus, granting to the Canons of S. Mary's, Bradenestoke, the Church of Cheddar.

"Alia carta apparuit per quam presentatus fuit ad ecclm de Ceddrehole Wills Giffard fil Gilleb, regis marescal, qui erat admissus per Godefr. Epm. Bathon."

fol. 107. Confirmation by D. & C. of a Confirmation by Bp. W., given at Dogmersfeld, July 15, A.D. 1260, of an act of Master Adam and the brothers and sisters of the Hospital of S. John, Bath, establishing a special service daily in memory of their benefactor, Canon Will. de Wethampsted, preposit. de Cumb., to be celebrated either in their chapel, or in the infirmary.

Details at length.

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Confirmation by the D. & C. of a grant made by John de Button, prepositus, to Ric de Bagepath, of a mill at Sutcherd, &c. A.D. 1260. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of an exchange of lands between Bp. William and Dn^s Matthew de Stratton. Cherlewode, Suedeston, Derfold, Westbernette, Plexham, Milehammes, Smaledone, are mentioned, and several details. A.D. 1262. fol. 107 in dors.

Bishop of W. to the ballivus of Wivelescombe. He is to give possession, in the presence of witnesses, to the D. & C. of 4 acres of land and the advowson of the Church of Stoke.

The D. & C. quit claim to John de la Pole, Vicar of S. Cuthberts half a marc de annua pensione Altilagii Ecclesie predicte &c. A.D. 1262.

Assignment of a Canon's House.

A writ Quo Warranto against the Bp. concerning Axbridge, Chedder, Wells, Kingsbury, Pucklechurch, Charde; 40 shillings on Wythelegh Hundred, "unum austercum Joh^s de Hampt" in Badgeworth; courts held in the Hundreds of Yatton; one third of Berton; and "duarum thângarum" in Hampton and Claverton; two Sheriffs turns; Returna brevium; wrecks &c. A.D. 1280.

The Bp. answers that Axebridge and Chedder were granted as a fee by the Crown to Hugh de Wells, Archdn of Wells at £20 per annum, and that the said Hugh, afterwards Bp. of Lincoln, granted Cheddar to Bp. Josceline, and that this was confirmed by the King. The same Hugh granted Axebridge to one Thomas Walensis, and he to one Maurice de Gaunt, and he to Bp. Josceline. Wells in ancient days was of the demesne of the Church, and afterwards King John granted that it should be a free borough.

The answer is sufficient.

Domesday Book is sufficient evidence that the Manors of Kingsbury, and Cerde were not royal demesnes ab antiquo.

Pokeleschirche the Bp. received from the Abbey of Glastonbury by arrangement in the King's Court.

As to the 50 shillings or Whitelegh Hundred it stands on the same footing as Pokeleschirche.

As to Austercum due on the tenement of John de Hampton in Bageworth, it is answered that that service has always been among the appurtenancies of Axebridge and Cheddar. fol. 109.

The answers as to the rest are all sufficient.

All the Bp.'s Manors are here named. fol. 109 in dors.

As to felons goods the answer is sufficient.

The D. & C. answer to a quo warranto concerning North Curry by producing the charters of Kings Richard and John.

To one concerning the advowson of Congresbury by producing the Charters of John, and Henry III. fol. 110.

Charter of the Prior and Canons of Berliz by which they bind themselves to pay 30 shillings a year to the D. & C., in consideration of the benefits received from Walter de Lechlade, Succentor of Wells, who had bought (nomine exor^m Radi de Lolinton) from the Abbess and Convent of Godstowe 5 ferlings of land in our Manor of Morba for 35 marcs, but seeing that it would be very advantageous to us had caused the land to be made over to us. Given on King Edward the Martyr's Day A.D 1277.

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A long document, with conditions of distraint for non-payment of the above 30 shillings, &c.

fol. 110 in dors. Charter of John Hevekyng granting a house in Torr Lane to the D. & C.

Test. Philip de Wyk, miles; Ric de London; Thomas le ffrank; Ric de Dultingcote; John de Garselode, &c.

fol. 111. A canon's house apud la Montorie granted to Walter Burnell, at 6 shillings rent to be paid to the obits of his predecessor Lucas de Membury and Alice Bouche, "cum evenerint." Edward is Dean. Other canons are named.

Bp. William to Andrew de Grimstede, his seneschal and custodian of the Deanery during vacancy, by the Bp's. appointment.

The Deanery is vacant per mortem magri Henrici Huse, ultimi Decani. [But fol. 132 in dors. H. H. was Chancellor in A.D. 1301 and Dean in 1302. Should it not be William Burnell?]

The D. & C. claim the right of custody during vacancy, and the Bp. allows the claim. Dec. 13, A.D. 1295. Given in London.

fol. 111 in dors. Visitation of Archbp. Peckham.

Confirms the Chapter in their rights and possessions, viz., The Manor of North Curry with the church; and the Hundred; and the land of Hacche and Wrentich, &c., granted to them by Kings Richard and John, and confirmed by Henry III. and Bps. Reginald, Savaric, and Josceline.

The Manor of Wynescumb with its church, given by Bp. Josceline in augmentation of the communa, "in dotem ecclesie sue, in dedicatione ejusdem."

The Church of Lovinton &c. and one Hide of land there which measures 160 acres, &c., given by R^t^ Kary. St Cuthbert's Church in Wells, given and confirmed ad communam by Bps. Robert and Josceline, &c.

The Church of Lydiard given and confirmed by Bps. Savaric and Josceline, ad communam.

The Church of Congresbury given by Bp. Josceline ad communam.

The Church of Mudiford and the Church of Ceddre, similarly.

100 shillings revenue from Carhampton Church, granted and confirmed by Bps. Reginald and Savaric, the Prior and Convent of Bath, and Symon Buzun, the patron.

fol. 112. 35 marcs revenue from Chiwton Church, on the appointment of Bp. Josceline with the consent of the Abbot and Convent of Jumieges, the patrons; 40 shillings similarly from Stawey Church, with the consent of the Priory of Goldclive, who held the said church "in proprios usus."

60 shillings from Nony Church, given by Bp. Josceline.

40 shillings from Northton sub Hamedon Ch. from Bp. J. with the consent of the patrons the Abbey of Gresteyn.

One half of Whitchurch Ch. in Sarum diocese from R^t^ Bp. of Sarum, with the consent of the patron Bp. Josceline.

2 shillings from Brumfeld Ch. in Tanton Archdeaconry.

The custody and profits of vacant prebends in Wells, "preter ea que canonicum defunctum contingunt secundum antiquum ejusdem ecclesie consuetudinem, que habent ex concess. Robti quondam Epi."

Two thirds of the sequestrations of vacant benefices throughout the diocese, granted by Bps. Reginald and Josceline.

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The barton for their communa in Wells, given by Bp. Reginald, saving a rent of 12 pence to the Archn. of Wells.

Also that all their properties and men are free de omnibus murdris &c. que ad regem &c. pertinere debent, by the grant of Bp. Josceline.

Also the power of pronouncing a sentence of excommunication and interdict upon all who invade their rights without the authority of the Bp. given by Bp. Savaric.

40 shillings a year payable by the Priory of Briwton on their churches of Banewell and Westbury, for the support of a wax light to burn before the High Altar, given by the said Priory.

3 candles, 1 of 3 lbs. the others of 2 lbs. weight, to burn before the High Altar on the Vigil of S. Andrew charged on the land of Radulf de Marere of Dultingcote, and given by Bp. Robert "in dedicationem veteris ecclesie."

Also 10 marcs a year from the Ch. of Chyu, and 20 more from the prepositura of Cumb, for the solemn service of the Blessed Virgin "cum omnibus horis singulis diebus in ecclesia Wellen celebrandis."

And 10 marcs from the same prepositura for a similar daily service for the departed.

Details of assignment of houses, and of smaller rents and bequests allotted to various services in the Cathedral. fol. 112 in dors.

Given at Mortelak, Oct. 17, A.D. 1281.

Marginal note. "Salvâ dignitate metropoliticâ, non vero episcopali."

Printed in "Wells Cathedral" by H. E. Reynolds.

Inspex. and Conf. by Thomas the Dean & the C. of Wells, of the Charter of Robert, Bp. of B. & W. giving his confirmation to the annexation of the Chapel of Radene, B. & W. diocese, by Godefirid Giffard Bp. of Worcester the patron of it jure hereditario, to the Church of Boyton, in Sarum diocese; which the same patron has given for the support of 4 chaplains who are to pray for the Universal Church, the faithful departed, the King and Queen, and their children, and the whole realm. fol. 113.

Given in London Nov. 25th A.D. 1289, and confirmed by the D. & C. Dec. 11th in the same year.

The right of Excommunication given to the Chapter as on fol. 28. fol. 113 in dors.

Charter of Josceline Bp. of Bath and Glaston concerning the election of a Dean.

Leave to elect must be sought from the Bp. and the elected person must come to him for confirmation.

There have been two elections during his time (diebus nostris) conducted in this manner.

Given at Bath on S. Basilius Day. Pont. nostri 11th Anno. A.D. 1217.

Letter of Bp. Roger, grants the custody of the Deanery when vacant to the Chapter. fol. 115.

Given at Banewell A.D. 1246, in May.

Confirmation of the last by Thomas the Prior of Bath. A.D. 1246.

Grant by Thomas de Button, Dean of Wells, and the C. of a "selda quam Augustin sutor quondam tenuit" in Wells to Walter de la Roche at a rent of 4 shillings a year, "ad obitum Walteri Hubard cum evenerit;" and 2 shillings for entry. A.D. 1289. All this entry crossed out.

Inspex. and Conf. by King Edward of a Charter of Claricia Prioress of Kyngton & to Robert Burnell Bp. of B. & W., granting all their fol. 115 in dors.

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lands in West Compton, Aldeworth, Hodicote and Newenham in Berks and Oxon &c., the Hundred of Compton in Berks, and the patronage of the Chapel of Hodicote in the parish of Westchildesl, &c. Test. Will. de Mortuo Mari; Ric de Coleshulle; Henr. de Shotesbrok; Roland de Gylee; Thom. de Aimera; Joh. de S^a Elena; Ric. de Pesye; knights, &c.

Test. J. Archbp. of York; A. Bp. of Durham, and W. Bp. of Ely; Edmund our brother; Will de Walenc, our uncle; John de Warenne, Earl of Surrey; Henr. de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln; Roger Bygod, Earl of Norfolk, and Marshall of England; Robt Tybotot; Walter de Bello Campo; Peter de Chamupnent, &c.

Given at Northampton June 4th. A.D. 1291.

fol. 116. Charter of Edward to Robert Bp. of B. & W.

Grant of a market at Lydiard on every Monday, and a fair for 6 days beginning with the Vigil of the Annunciation.

Test, the Archbp and Bps. Edmund, Will de Valence; as above, and Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hereford; Henr. de Lasey; R. le Bygod; Robt Tybotot; Hugh le Despenser; Walter de bello Campo; Gyudon Feire; Ric. de Bosco; Elias de Hamull, &c.

Given at Northampton June 7th A.D. 1291.

Mem. Bond of the Prior &c. of Worspring to pay certain sums to the D. & C. for the obit of R. Lofuntun.

fol. 116 in dors. Acknowledgment by the D. & C. of the receipt of the following books from S. Dean of Sarum on August 24th A.D. 1291. Hugh de Sacramentis; the Books of Bede de temporibus; "quos quidem libros, idem Magst. S. aliquando precario acceperat per literatoriam cautionem que Waltero de Merleberge clerico . . . . . fuerat dicto Magr^s S. per eundem deferenda.

The D. & C. receive from him also at the same time the following books, as a legacy from John dictus ffortis, formerly Chancellor of Wells. Augustine de Civitate Dei, in one volume. His Epistles in another volume. Librum Damasceni et Speculum Gregorii, cum multis aliis libris Augustini in tertio volumine comprehensis.

W. de Cherleton's house assigned to Th. Archd of Bath.

Robert the Prior of Staverdale &c. Ordinis S. Victoris, will pay 30 shillings a year to John de Axebrigge, Subdean of Wells, their benefactor, for his life, and after his death to the D. & C. for masses at the Altar of S. Mary Magdalene on behalf of the soul of the said John, &c.

He had given them 40 marcs to buy one virgate of land cum pertinentiis, at Churchelesham in the parish of Wyncanton, the property of Nicholas de Stanhuse.

Details of steps for enforcing payment of the above.

Given July 20, A.D. 1263.

Brother John de Trubrugg, Master of the House of S. Mark de Byllesswyk near Bristol, and the brethren, acknowledge the receipt of 90 marcs from the D. & C. of Wells.

In return they establish a chantry in the Cathedral of 63 shillings and 4 pence on behalf of the soul of Canon John de Hereford, deceased, from whose goods the said 90 marcs was derived.

fol. 117 in dors. Details of steps for enforcing payment, &c.

Sealed by the Bps. of B. & W. and Worcester, and by themselves.

Given on Friday next after S. James Ap. A.D. 1272.

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A similar charter of John the Prior & of Worspring, Ordinis S. Victoris. In return for many benefits received during life from William de Wichamstede, prepositus of Cumbe, and Alex. de Bamfeld, Canon of Wells, and for a bequest of 100 marcs, they found a chantry of 53 shillings and 4 pence, in the cathedral on behalf of the souls of their benefactors, &c. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS. fol. 118.

Details as in the last. They promise to observe the obit in their own house also. fol. 118 in dors.
Given in their Chapter Aug. 16, A.D. 1266.

The Manor and Church of Winscombe let ad firmam by the Chapter to Dean William Burnell for 110 marcs. "Premissâ pulsatione campane prout moris est ad capitulum congregandum." The Dean had at the request of the Chapter given up the firm of their Grange in Wells, &c.
Given on Wednesday next after the Translation of S. Andrew. A.D. 1295.

Dispensation from residence granted to Th. de Luggore, the Chancellor of Wells, for 3 weeks, that he may attend the King's Court on business connected with his office, and the Church of Wells. fol. 119.
Given on Ascension Day A.D. 1310.

On the same day it was ordered by the D. & C. "quod capiatur de maeremio de Wynescumb," under the eye of the woodman, "ad organa facienda."

Mem. That on Monday in the Feast of S. Valentin, A.D. 1311, the Chapter determine that no episcopal grant of houses, lands, &c. be confirmed by them save only for the life of the grantee and his wife.

Question about the rights of the parson of Lydiard.
Complaint had been made to the Bp. when at L. on Thursday the Vigil of S. Lambert, anno regis E. 10°, that the parson ran too many oxen with the Bp's. herd.
John de Clyvedon the Bp's. Seneschall calls a jury of 12 men of the Manor [named] to give evidence on oath, who prove that the parson should have 8 oxen to feed with the Bp's.

Extract from Bp. Drokensford Register, fol. 26.
"De residentia dignitatum et aliorum canon^{m}."
The order of the presbyters in one ancient ordinary was The Deanery; the Cantuaria; the Cancellaria; Thesauraria; in another there is added Subdecanatus and Succentor, residentes sint assidue in eccl^{a} Wellen, remota omni excusationis specie nisi necessaria, &c."
In a statute of Bp. Josceline it is ordered that all canons who have resided per medium anni sive continue sive interpollatim, and those whom we call residents, viz. the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, if they have resided two thirds of the year "sivo continue, &c." shall participate in the residue of the communa. These 4 must be sacerdotes.
Given in the Chapter May 7. A.D. 1313.

Rad. de Windelzore Canon and Prebendary, inducted into possession of Wedmore, the fourth portion, by his proctor Nich. Burnel, clerk. fol. 119 in dors.
On the morrow of S.S. Peter & Paul A.D. 1313.

Acknowledgement by John the Dean & the C. of the receipt of 100 marcs from Lord Thomas de Berkelee, Master Antonio de Bradenye, and Richard de Rodenye, exors. of the will of William de Marchia, Bp. of B. & W. to be held for safe custody, "usque ad generale passagium

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ad terram sanctam prox. faciendum quas legavit Ep^s in subsidium terræ sanctæ."
At Wells, Sept. 7th. A.D. 1311.

Extract from Drokensford's Register, fol. 37.
The above 100 marcs borrowed by Bp. John until Easter.
Given in London. Sept. 13th. A.D. 1311.

Acknowledgment by the D. & C. as collectors decime sexennalis, ordered by Pope Clement in auxilium terræ sanctæ for the diocese of the receipt of £200 from their sub-collectors, Robert de Haselschawe prepositus of Wells, and Canon William de Lauton, &c.
Given in the Chapter May 3. A.D. 1314. Names of the Chapter given.

Similar letter from the Bp.

Letter in French from Thomas de Berkelee to John de Godelee, Dean of W. and the Chapter.
About the 100 marcs legacy above. It is to be sent to London.

fol. 120. Inspex and Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant made by Bp. John to William de la Ford, Canon of Wells, of a messuage at Yatton and half a virgate of land, &c. A.D. 1314.

Similar Inspex. and Conf. of a grant by Thomas de Gorges, the Precentor, to Rad. de Stodlegh, of land and a messuage at Pulton. Boundaries given. A.D. 1313.

Acknowledgement by the D. & C. of the receipt from Henry rector of Burham of £8 10*s.* in part payment of a pension of £10 given to the D. & C. by Bp. Walter.
He has paid 10 shillings to the Abbey of Glaston as the tithe of this for the Holy Land.

A similar receipt for the year A.D. 1313 of £9. £1 has been paid to the King as a tenth for the defence of the church, and the repulse of the Scots. Sept. 29.

fol. 120 in dors. Lease for their lives to William le Veyl, Dionisia his wife, and Thomas their eldest son, of land at Gildenehurste, and Wotton.

Symon de Cherde, admitted a Vicar, and also John de Boroford. A.D. 1319.

Valuation &c. of repairs needed in the Canons houses, and statement of their condition.

Permission to the Dean to absent himself during the prosecution of a suit about a moor at Merk.

Admission and oath of Adam de Sutton, a Vicar of Wells.

Mem. A procession to the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin. As on fol. 4 in dors.

fol. 121. Inspex. by the D. & C. of a settlement made between Bp. William, and the Lady Johanna de Vynona Lady of Chiweton, about their boundaries on Menedep, in the presence of Peter de Insula, Canon of Wells, the Bp's. official, and Andrew de Grymstede his Seneschal, and Henry de Somery the Lady's Seneschal, and Walter Tonere her

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commensalis, on Sunday next after the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin A.D. 1295.

The boundaries. From Sourappeldorestok to Selverputte: thence ad furcas, &c. And from Sourapperdorestok westward to the ffayrrewell, thence to Bocfolde to Sugheberewes, thence to Stondenestones to Gretehole-Weberewes, thence to Scholdeputtes, thence to Oldedyche by the croft of Rad. de la Pole of Pridie.

Test. Galfrid de Stawell, Richard de Cumebergh, Richard de Rypariis, Bartholomew Peytenyn, knight; William de Welyngton, Henry de Ponte, Canons; John de Fraxino de Stonyeston; Adam Canon; Richard de Kynemersdon, &c. fol. 121 in dors.

A.D. 1296.

Monition to W. de Winton, Robert de Avobury and William le Jumer, "quia nod habent vocem multum delectabilem apponant diligentiam imfra annum ad faciendam psalterium, et cetera spectantia ad servitium ecclesie, sub pena statuti."

On the same day John Mayle, Ric. de Chapmanslade; Maurice . . ; Robert de Childingfold; Gilbert de Welwe, and Master John de Congresbury, and Richard de Mora receive the same order, "quia non habent vocem placabilem."

May 29. A.D. 1298.

Installation of William de Molendinis as Archn. of Tanton, and Canon of Wells. Dec. 16th, A.D. 1298.

A vicar's, William de Bath, stipend suspended until he pays a fine of £12 5*s*. which has been laid upon him. The master of the fabric is prosecutor. A.D. 1298. fol. 122.

The same day Stokgomer and Lydiard are let; the prebend of Wyvelescumb is sold to H. Huse for 20 marcs, and the succentor is promised the first vacant firm of the same value as Lydiard.

Gilbert de Molendino installed Archdn. of Tanton, on the 16th Dec. as above.

Eight installations to prebends, and one deprivation of a vicar.

A.D. 1308. Hugulin son of Francis de Iteramia collated to Cumpton prebend by Boniface viii.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of the grant by Bp. Walter of one portion of the Church of Backwell to the Hospital of S. John, at Bristol, on account of their great poverty. Thomas atte Wynel, the rector, consents, and the Bp. has taken council with the Chapters of Bath and Wells, "sicut decuit." A.D. 1306. fol. 122 in dors.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of a grant by John de Godelee the Dean, of lands and a messuage to Richard de Rodenye, and Lucia his wife and their heirs, in Merke parish, at Merklia and Rodenye, formerly held by William de Rodenye. fol. 123.

Test. Baldwin de Contevile; John le Hamptone; Philip le Ireys; Nicholas de Modeslegh, &c. A.D. 1307.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of the grant by Bp. Walter de Haselshaw of the bedellaria of Winterstoke Hundred, to Richard de Rodenye. A.D. 1307. fol. 123 in dors.

Leave of absence to the Dean John de Godelee to attend to Chapter business in London. A.D. 1308. fol. 124.

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A dispute A.D. 1362 between John Lombard, rector and prebendary of Est Harptree, and John Denerose lord of Est Harptree, and certain tenants, about certain pieces of land. A jury, on oath, give decision in favour of the rector.

fol. 124 in dors. Thomas Gorney, and earlier Thomas ap Adam, had been lords of Est Harptree.

fol. 125. A dispute between two of the vicars about monies is settled by the D. & C. Part of this entry is concerning the payment of the one-tenth of prebends given by the D. & C. to the fabric. A.D. 1295.

A similar question about the sum of one marc payable by Buckland prebend to the fabric.

fol. 125 in dors. The manor of Wynescumb like that of North Curry to be applied to the use of the residentiaries. A.D. 1295.

Four Auscultatores appointed for certain vicars, named, 20 in number, each to receive from each one of his scholars two shillings for one year's teaching.

fol. 126. Correctiones. A.D. 1297. A vicar accused of incontinence promises to avoid all suspected places.

Similiter.

Vicars ordered to dwell not less than two in one house. They are also warned to attend to their teachers sub pena statuti.

It is also ordered that the great door of the Church under the Campanile towards the cloister be kept shut day and night, except when it has to be opened for a procession or other necessary reason.

That the two doors de la Karole on either side of the choir be shut at night; but that the one on the library side be open from the first stroke of matins until at the third striking the door of the choir is opened. That the said door be always closed by day "propter concultationem librorum ecclesie que fit per extraneos," and that the laymen may be prevented from hearing the secrets of the Chapter. That after the Gloria Patri of the first psalm the door of the choir be shut during Matins, &c.

fol. 126 in dors. A question about the Precentor's house. A.D. 1296.

A list of 11 obits (that of Peter de Insula, Jan^ry 24th, A.D. 1302), with several names against each, probably those of the vicars appointed to each service.

Mem. Leave of absence to Dean John, upon the business of the election "domini," and of Burnham pension, &c. Given on Friday next after S. Dionysius. A.D. 1309.

fol. 127. Promise by the D. & C. of the next vacant firm to G. W. Blibergh, a resident canon. A.D. 1311.

Confirmation by Bp. William of the appropriation of Cilterne to Bruton Priory, by the patron by private right, Thomas de Button, formerly Dean of Wells, now Bp. of Exon; and of the establishment of a cantaria in Wells Cathedral for himself, for John the late prepositus of Wells, his brother (germanus), and for Nicholas, formerly the Treasurer. The Rector of Cilterne, Galfrid de Lucy, gives his consent. The patronage of the Vicarage is to be with the Priory. The appropriation (as always) is to take place only on the decease or cession of the rector.

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The Priory is to pay 12 marcs annually to the D. & C., of which 5 marcs goes to the chaplain, and 3*s.* 4*d.* for the ornaments &c. of the said chantry. 46 shillings to be divided among the canons and vicars present in the choir on the morrow of S.S. Simon and Jude, during the life of the said Bp. and afterwards on his anniversary. 12 pence to the sacrist for ringing the bell on that day. 40 shillings to the fabric. 2 shillings to the Archdn. of Wells as compensation for the third part of the sequestration of the said Church of Cilterne. 12 pence to the communarius for his labour in making the distribution, &c. fol. 127 in dors.

Given at Woky, April 30, A.D. 1301.

The Priory being on the high road is overburdened with the number of people seeking hospitality and is therefore very poor.

The firm of South Barrow Church let to Philip de Odiham, the vicar, for 5 marcs a year. The D. & C. allow him 5 marcs for the first year for the building of a grange, and the repair of the houses of the Church. Afterwards the vicar must keep them in repair himself. March 16, A.D. 1298. fol. 128.

The Will of Lucia Lundregs wife of Nicholas, dated Tuesday next after S. Valentine, A.D. 1298. To be buried in S. Cuthbert's cemetery. Legacies to S. Cuthbert's and to the Cathedral for obits. She gives unum plumbum to S. Cuthbert's and 5 sheep for the supply of one wax candle before the image of the virgin in the Cathedral near the altar of the Saviour. To Nicholas her husband she leaves unum fermaclum aureum, et unam zonam de serico auro textam, hernesiatam argento.

To the image beate Marie in capella retro magnum altare in the Cathedral, unum Keverchef de serico, value 5*s.* To my sister Margaret unam supertunicam de blueto de ypres, et unum capucin de scarleto penulatum minuto, vario. A great number of similar small bequests are given in detail, *e.g.* a capucia de gandegerne, a rochet, a mappa, and a manutergium. A ciphum de mazer cum XII capitibus in eodem fixis. A cochlear argenti. To her servant Sue a firmaculum argenti et unum tapetum. Proved in the presence of W. the Dean, on S.S. Perpetua and Felicitas Day. A.D. 1298. fol. 128 in dors.

Nicholas dictus le Prest, a citizen of Wells, husband of the above-named Lucia, adds to her bequest of 5*s.* 8*d.* for obits, 4*d.* fol. 129.

Mem. All crossed out. An arrangement made for the payment of a debt of £10 8*s.* 0*d.* to the Chapter by Thomas de Benhanger, by yearly instalments of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Statement by Robert Archbp. of Canterbury of the case between the Bps. of B. W. and the Abbey of Glaston and the final concord. fol. 129 in dors.

Bp. Savaric had petitioned King Richard that the Bps. of Bath might have the patronage of the Abbey, and that they might be intermediaries between the Crown and the Abbey in temporalities. This had given rise to much dispute and injury to both the Bps. and the Abbey.

The monks now, on the decease of Abbot Robert, have sought for permission to elect, and for confirmation after the election of John de Tanton, from the King as patron, and have entirely passed by the Bp's. rights. An agreement has been come to by the contending parties.

The Abbey gives up to the Bp. the Manor of Pokeleschyrch, Wynescumb, Blakeford, Cranemere, &c. The advowson of Ayschebury in Berkshire, Kington, and Cristemeleford, in Wilts, Bocland in Dorset, Camelarton, with a knight's fee there; saving certain pensions to the Abbey.

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fol. 130. The Abbey to retain the Manors of Assebury in Berkshire, Baddebury, Kyngton, Cristemeleford in Wilts, Bocland in Dorset, Mere with its church in Somerset. The Bp. to remit a payment of £11 5*s.* a year payable by the Abbey on the Hundred of Wystan and Wytelegh, and the moiety of all fines for murders, &c. &c. paid on the Abbey lands, &c. &c. April, A.D. 1275.

fol. 130 in dors. The Bp. yields the patronage of the Abbey to the King in exchange for the city of Bath.

fol. 131. All these arrangements are made with the consent of the several chapters. April A.D. 1275.

Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I., p. 261.

fol. 131 in dors. Mem. That deeds relating to the churches of Bath and Wells, to North Curry, Wynescumb, St. Cuthbert's, Congresbury, Lovington, Modiford, were delivered to Edward the Dean to be carried to London, at the command of the Archbp., on Saturday next before S. Michael A.D. 1281, and were brought back by him on S.S. Crispin and Crispenna's Day.

Leave of absence to the Dean for Chapter business.

Presentation to the vicarage of Modiford vacant by the cession of Will de Bremesgrove, of John de Aumbresleie, by Canon Robt. de Gloucester. Sept. 4, A.D. 1311.

fol. 132. Lydiard let ad firmam for 35 marcs to Canon Antonio de Bradeny. Dec. 1, A.D. 1304.

Stokegummer let for 40 marcs to Canon Ric de Plumstok. A.D. 1304.

The Grange at Wells let for 100 marcs to the Archd. Th. de Cherleton. A.D. 1305.

The first vacant firm promised to Master Jordan de Insula. April 6, A.D. 1305.

The £40 payable to the King for the church of Burnham is deposited "in quodam fortario viridi." A.D. 1306.

On the same day the bond of J. the Dean for £233 6*s.* 8*d.* was deposited in the same strong box.

Receipt given by the D. & C. for the 100 marcs left by Bp. W. de Marchia for the Holy Land. As before.

fol. 132 in dors. The Grange let to Archdn. of Wells, Peter de Insula, for 110 marcs for so long as he is a canon. Ten marcs of this is to depend on the pleasure of the Chapter and may be remitted. A.D. 1300. April 13.

Congresbury Church let for 70 marcs to Th. de Cherleton, at same time.

Whitchurch, Dorset, let to Th. de Lugovere for 30 marcs.

Lovington and Modiford let to Henry Huse, the Chancellor, for 35 marcs. A.D. 1301.

Lydiard let for 35 marcs to Peter de Avebury, Archdn. of Tanton as long as he is a canon. The same year.

Cheddar with the pension of the vicarage, let to William de Cherleton, succentor for 42 marcs. A.D. 1301.

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Stogumber to Ric. de Wynton, Subdean for 40 marcs. A.D. 1302.

The next vacant firm promised to Anthony de Bradenye. A.D. 1303.

The Grange in Wells, let to the Dean, H. Huse. A.D. 1302.

Lovington, and Modiford let to Robt. de Gloucester for 35 marcs. A.D. 1302.

Registrum Cancellarii Thome de Bedford. A.D. 1370. fol. 133.
Procuratorial letters to Peter de la Burghe to act for the Chapter at Rome.
Appeal against the Bp. to Rome about Hamton Church. Conf. Reg. Drok. fol. 100, 101.
The Chapter undertake at the Bp's. order the collection of tenths for the King.

Litteræ credentiæ to the Bp. fol. 133 in dors.

Letteræ credentiæ et supplicatoriæ to Gilbert de Middelton Canon of Wells, and official of Canterbury, as to a difficulty which has arisen about the appropriation of Hampton Ch. to the Monastery of Bath.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of a confirmation made by Canon W. de Cherleton, firmarius of Ceddre Church of a grant made by a former firmarius to the grantee for life.
Test. John de Clyvedon, Matthew de Clyvedon, Richard de Rodenye, knights. John de Hampton; Philip le Yreys; Roger de Hanam; William de Aula. A.D. 1316.

Litteræ credentiæ to John de Roffa, professor of canon and civil law, fol. 134.
concerning Hampton Church, which (with some very strong language) the D. & C. complain has been appropriated by the Monastery of Bath though it is in the patronage of the Bp.

Another form of same.

The Dean John de Godelee, John Martel, and Hugh de Penser appointed to negociate with the monks of Bath on this business. A.D. 1316.

Litteræ credentiæ to Roger Bp. of Sarum on behalf of Canon William de Lautone who comes to explain about the Sexannalis tenth collected for the King. March 15.

Congresbury Church let to the Dean.
Bydesham to the Subdean. Both A.D. 1316.

Nicholas de Bath, clerk, appointed by Canon John de Bruetone, the Chapter's proctor in legal matters, to act for him when he is absent on Chapter business.
Sealed by the said N. and also, inasmuch as his seal is unknown fol. 135.
to many, by the Archbp. of Canterbury, "ad rogatum meum personalem, filo medio per medium colationis presenti est appositum."
Given at Lamehuth, March 21, A.D. 1316.

The D. & C. withdrew from all proceeding in the matter of Hampton. April 9, A.D. 1317.

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Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of the appropriation of Hampton to the monastery of Bath made by Bp. Walter, on account of their great poverty and their difficulties on account of the exactions "que imponuntur viris ecclesiastics hiis diebus."

fol. 135 in dors. Given at Woky May 1, A.D. 1308. Confirmed on May 2.

Pension of 100 shillings granted by Bp. John to Roger de Sutton for life.

Given at Chywe, April 8, A.D. 1317.

The Monastery of Bath withdraw all proceedings in the suit about Hampton.

Confirmation of a pension of 10 marcs given by Bp. John to Richard de Rodenye son of Richard de Rodenye, until such time as he is provided with a prebend.

Given at Woky, July 9, A.D. 1319. Confirmed Aug. 14.

fol. 136. Withdrawal of proceedings about Hampton. A.D. 1317. April 8.

Mem. Adam de Horleton is accepted per mandatum apostolicum for the first vacant dignity which he will accept, and the first vacant prebend. April 2, A.D. 1317.

Similarly Hugo Richard. April 14, A.D. 1317.

Walter de Hull appointed proctor in legal matters. A.D. 1317.

Gilbert de Bruera accepted as above. June 5, A.D. 1317.

Similarly Roger de Northburg. June 8, A.D. 1317.

fol. 136 in dors. John de Bogle appointed proctor in legal matters. June 15, A.D. 1317.

An agreement made between the D. & C. and William de Ros acting for John de Ros, as to certain grants made by order of Pope Clement in Wells Cathedral. June 18, A.D. 1317.

fol. 137. John de Middelton and John de Hampton, clerks appointed by the D. & C. to be their proctors "in curia Romana vel ubicunque sedem apostolicam tunc esse contigerit." Feb. 8, A.D. 1316.

Another similar deed of appointment.

A canon is not to receive the fruits of any vacant vicarage "quod qui habet emolumentum habeat et onus."

fol. 137 in dors. Procuratorial letter to J. de M. and J. de H. as above. Jan. 31, A.D. 1316.

The D. & C. to the Bp. Recite a letter which they have received from the Bp. to this effect. The Bp. has received a letter from the King sub privato sigillo ordering the collection of the money agreed upon in the Parliament at Lincoln. He sends this letter by the hands of John de Clyvedon, seneschal, Richard de fford, and John de Womberg notary, who were present at that Parliament.

Given at Banewell, April 17, A.D. 1316.

fol. 138. They answer that they will appear by their proctors in the Parliament now sitting in London, and act in the same way as the others who are

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there, and as the King's letters to themselves shall direct. April 20, A.D. 1316.

The D. & C. to John Bp. of Ely and the King's Treasurer.
They received on Sept. 21 by the hand of Gregory Blaunk de Burdegaliis a royal letter as follows.
The tenths granted to the king by the clergy of which the D. & C. are the collectors in the diocese of B. & W., are to be paid forthwith to Stephen de Abendon, pincerna. £100 is allowed for expenses. They are to write at once to the Treasurer and inform him how they intend to proceed.
The Bp. is the chief collector.

Note at the foot of fol. 137 in dors, concerning Congresbury Church appropriation.

Appointment of Nicholas de Bath to be the Chapter proctor in legal matters. A.D. 1319.

Presentation by the D. & C. of Robert de Cotes to the vicarage of Ceddre. Dec. 19, A.D. 1317. fol. 138 in dors.

John de Orleton, Canon of Wells, appoints three proctors to attend to his interests in the canonry and prebend he holds by the favour of the Apostolic See which Adam, Bp. of Hereford, formerly a canon of Wells, at the time of his promotion obtained for the Church of Hereford.

An order touching obits of which the master of the school is to receive the same as a vicar.
The writing is much destroyed and parts are illegible.

Confirmation by John the D. and the C. of a grant made by Bp. J. to Thomas de Cherleton, Archdn of Wells, of 20 acres of pasture at Hywysch by Langport. Oct. 24, A.D. 1317. fol. 139.
Conf. of a similar grant at Hywysch to Hugh de Berhe.

Confirmation of another grant at Hywisch to Th. Littlegard. fol. 139 in dors.

It having been slanderously reported that the Dean John de Godelee has not kept due residence, the Chapter have caused the book to be examined and certify that the report is false. fol. 140.
Nov. 23, A.D. 1317.

Acquittance to the exors. of Bp. Walter de Haselschawe for the payment of £10 a year given by the said Bp. to the D. & C. A.D. 1317.

The D. & C. to the Bp. Have received his letter. It is clear that the Bp. cannot admit Gilbert to a canonry "juxta formam gratiæ per summum pontificem factæ," but he has not written to the D. & C. to direct them to receive him.
May it please you to give us directions, inasmuch as the collation, &c. belongs to you.
June 5.

J. Martel, a canon, appointed by the D. & C. their proctor to appear on their behalf before the Archbp.
April 6, A.D. 1320.

Appeal made by the Subdean and Chapter against John de Ros, whom they had duly appointed canon at the mandate of Clement V., and who is also the domestic clerk of Arnald, Cardinal presbyter. fol. 140 in dors.

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The said John de Ros has exceeded his rights in demanding a share in the distribution of quotidians, (which are expressly excepted in such appointments,) and threatens the Chapter with excommunication if the demand is not complied with in 6 days.

They appeal to the Holy See, and to the protection of the Court of Canterbury.

Protest made by the Chapter in the same matter. The Dean is absent.

fol. 141.

Conf. by the D. & C. of a charter of Bp. J. Drokensford, granting to Will. de Boteleria the younger a tenement at Cranemere, formerly held by Henry de Alum. Test. Matthew de Clyvedon, John de Clyvedon, John de Bello Campo de Northone, Richard de Rodenye, Knights. William de Regni; John fflory; John Samwell; Reginald de ffrome; &c.

Given at Rokeburne, Feb. 13, A.D. 1317. Confirmed same year.

Receipt for the pension of 10 marcs a year payable to the D. & C. from the Church of Burnham. A.D. 1319.

fol. 141 in dors.

The Bp. to the D. & C. as sub-collectors of the decima sexannalis. Has been ordered to send to London all arrears within 15 days, they must therefore, under penalty of distraint, send them to him within 8 days, either to London or to wherever he may be.

Given in London, Jan. 15, A.D. 1317.

The D. & C. to the Archbp. Canterbury.

In obedience to his summons to a Synod at S. Paul's in London for Thursday, the morrow of the Feast of S. Peter in Cathedra, they have appointed Canon John Martel to be their proctor.

Feb. 15, A.D. 1317.

The answer of the D. & C. to the king E., concerning a loan made by them to J. Bp. of Wynton, the Treasurer.

The D. & C. summon all the members of the Chapter to decide upon certain weighty matters [not described] which have been discussed, but ought not to be settled finally without the presence of all, inasmuch as they concern all the Chapter.

April 3, A.D. 1318.

Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant by Bp. J. to one John Dacres, his vallet, of a tenement in Wells, lately held by Isabella widow of Richard de Carslade. A.D. 1317.

fol. 142 in dors.

The D. & C. to the Bp. concerning the payment of the Tenths. Have been much disturbed by the threatening tone of a royal letter, of which they send a copy to the Bp., and they beg for his protection. A portion of Ceddre Moor is that to which the disputed payment belongs. They cannot decide such questions without consultation with the full Chapter. Hence the delay. A Chapter has been summoned. Their deliberations have taken place in the presence of the lords J. Randolf, J. de Clyvedon, and Matthew de Clyvedon.

Jan. 5th.

The D. & C. appoint William de Bath, clerk, to be their proctor to appear before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer and put in their account of the Tenth collected for the King. S. Hillary, A.D. 1318.

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Mem. The D. & C. order that William de Westbury retain his office at North Cory, as before, for one year from Michaelmas A.D. 1322, except that in holding the court there, the D. & C. will appoint an associate.

A general convocation of the Church of Wells, Monday, May 8, A.D. 1318. fol. 143.

First Article. Canon John de Ros to enjoy all the rights of a canon while he is detained on business at Rome.

Responsio. Residents and non-residents shall share expenses equally.

Article. The tenants of North Cory ask for land in exchange for common rights.

Responsio. The Dean and 4 or 5 of the Canons are to examine and settle this.

Article. Walter a tenant inquietat D. & C. per breve nove dississeine super quatuor acras prati de eorum dominico. Quale melius defendendum poterit negotium, &c.

Responsio. The said Walter and his wife shall have 5½ acres in Knappe.

Article and Response, similar to the last.

Article. How to proceed against those who have not paid the decima quinquennalis, as agreed upon in the last Convocation, charged upon all prebends for the new Campanile.

Responsio. By ecclesiastical censure, and sequestration.

Article. Inasmuch as large sums arise de decimis et oblationibus S. Willelmi, allotted by the Fraternity of S. Andrew to the fabric and the Campanile, ought there not to be an audit of the accounts?

Responsio. Two canons are to audit the accounts of each collector.

Article. The last Convocation determined that a house should be provided for the vicars. Where shall it be?

Responsio. Between the house of William de Cherleton and the pent house (penticum) where the cementarii work.

The Dean to arrange about the expenses.

Article. Cum alias in convocatione concordatum fuisset quod cloaca juxta claustrum ponetur in loco remotiori propter fetorem qui est in fonte S. Andree in claustro, &c.

Respon. It is to be kept clean.

Article. Because of the number of canons who are present at the services there is too much walking about and conversation. It is proposed that those who attend the services at night may have their books and a light in the choir.

Responsio. This is allowed to Canons, but not to vicars.

Article. Commemoratio b^te^ Marie et b^te^ Andree sint cum regimine chori.

Responsio. Concessum est.

Article and Response. Firms are not to be let to laymen. It is contrary to the Statutes.

For the future no letters &c., of the D. & C. to be confirmed until a Chapter has been specially summoned.

The Bp. to be consulted about the offerings at S. Columban's chapel at Ceddre.

All the Canons were present in person or by proctor in this convocation except the prebendaries of Compton, Haselbere, Cudworth, Cumbe 12th, Harpetre, Tymbrescumbe, Milverton 2^d^, and Barton, who did not answer to the summons; and the prebendaries of Ashill, Eston, Cumbe 13th, Dinre, Wedmore 4th, Clive, Holecumbe, and Wedmore 2^d^, qui fuerunt extra Regnum or Regimen.

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There were other matters dealt with, but as they were not settled they are not inserted here.

Dispensation from residence to Canon Thomas de Haselshaw in return for the services he has done the Church. A.D. 1323.

fol. 144. Canon Richard de Plumstoke appointed proctor for the Convocation to be held in S. Paul's.
May 1, A.D. 1319.

Summons to Thomas de Retford, Chancellor, to attend at a full chapter called to consider matters of consequence to them all. April 19, A.D. 1319.

A house allotted to two vicars for life. And it is resolved that any vicars houses which may come into the hands of the D. & C. be allotted to two vicars together, "propter honestatem," &c. A.D. 1319.

fol. 144 in dors. Copy of an order from the King to John de Walewayne Esceator citra Trentam.
The D. & C. have represented that they had possessed a rent from various men in Wells of £6 14*s.* 0*d.* for long before the passing of the Statute of Mortmain. He is to call a jury, and examine into the whole case. March 2d, A.D. 1318.

The King to Richard de Clare esceator ultra Trentam. He is to restore to the D. & C. the above-named revenue to which they have proved their right. John de Walewyn is now spoken of as "Nuper Esceator Noster." June 6, A.D. 1319.

Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant by Bp. J. to Richard de Rodenye, clerk, son of the noble man Richard de Rodenye, knight, of a pension of 10 marcs.
Given at Wokey, July 9, A.D. 1319.

fol. 145. The D. & C. to the Bp., as to the answer he is to give to the King's demand for payment of the 500 marcs residue of the Tenths. They will not delay, but must take council with their brethren.

Inspex. and Conf. by John the Dean and the C. of a grant made by the late Bp. John of lands, &c., for life at Cheddar. Confirmed A.D. 1314.

fol. 145 in dors. Inspex. by the D. & C. of a final concord made between Bp. John and John de Membury, lord of Westbaggebergh, as to a piece of waste land on Cantok (Quantock) claimed by the former as part of Lydiard, by the other as belonging to Bagborough. The case had been tried in the King's Court at Cerde before John de ffoxle, and John de Batesforde, and William de Horner, justiciaries. It is decided that it belongs to the Bp.'s Manor of Lydiard, but with commoners rights to the men of Bagborough.
The boundaries are from the east corner of Robert de Calewe's croft under Cantok; Eastward along the fossatum called Boledich; eastward to the secunda bunda called la Fennyslo; thence north (a little west of) to the third bunda called Alferode; eastward to the fourth bunda called la Redewelle; eastward to the fifth bunda called Coleslade, which is the outside (forinseca) bound between Westbaggebergh and Assheholte Manors. The men of Bagborough may not exercise common rights eastward of Coleslade. The bounds across the mountain to Estbaggebergh within which they have rights are from Coleslade south to the

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second bunda called Oxenham; direct south to the third called la Rowebergh, through the middle of the bunda; thence direct south; thence direct south to the fourth called Bulgonescros, and so to Estbaggebergh to Robt. de Calewe's croft. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

Given at Grenewyc juxta London. A.D. 1314.

Henry de Schavynton, Archdn. of Taunton, gives to Robt. de Esperlegh, Vicar of Milverton, a house more conveniently situated than the old vicarage house. A.D. 1314.

Presentation by the D. & C. of Robt. de Lee to the vicarage of Winescombe, vacant by the death of Robt. de Codeford. A.D. 1315. fol. 146 in dors.

The Bp. to the D. & C. A very urgent appeal to press on the collection of the Tenths. Use every effort. Exercise your powers of excommunication and suspension, &c. Given at Eston Croks, April 8, A.D. 1314.

Confirmation by King Edward of an exchange made by the House of S. Mark, Bristol, with Bp. John, of a mill at Netherwere, with sluices and water course, for 40 acres of pasture and 80 acres of moor in Compton and Ceddre. fol. 147.

Given at Westminster, Feb. 8. Anno regni 8°.

Licence from the King to the House of S. Mark, Bristol, to appropriate their Church of Stockland.

Feb. 7th, A.D. 1314.

Appropriation of Stockland to S. Mark's by the Bp. in consideration of the poverty of the house, and their losses by inundations on the coast, &c. fol. 147 in dors.

Given in London, Feb. 11th, A.D. 1314.

Receipt by the D. & C. for £9 5*s.* 0*d.* part of a pension of £10 payable by Henry, the rector of Hornham. They pay 10 shillings as Tenths to the King, and 5 shillings to the Dean of Axebrigge for the proctor of Gancelin (?) presbyter, and Elluca (?) papal nuntii in England. That is 4 pence in every marc.

Septr 29, A.D. 1317.

The appropriation of Stockland as above. fol. 148.

The parson of Lydiard has the right to run 8 oxen with the Bp.'s herds in Lydiard.

Concordia litium. fol 148 in dors.

On Friday next after the Translation of S. Thomas the Martyr, A.D. 1316. Captus fuit dies amoris in capitulo, &c. between Will. le Veyl and the D. & C. "super quidam assisa nove disseisine liberi tenementi in Welles, &c."

The matter is left to the decision of the D. & C.

In a similar question between the D. & C. and William Malherbe. Antony Bradnye, and William de Bowne are appointed by the D. & C. to meet two of W. Malherbe's friends at the place, and there to call a jury of 6 men, who shall give evidence on oath, and the four shall decide the case.

A similar case at North Curry.

The D. & C. send Richard de Plumstoke to go as quickly as possible to John Waleweyn, the King's Escheator, and seek to obtain the wardship

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of the heirs of John Berkelee who are minors, which belongs to the heirs of the late Nicholas de Meeles; but it is in the hands of the King, because they too are under age.

fol. 149.

The D. & C. wish to enclose a moor in North Cory. If the Escheator cannot be found at Bristol, leave is to be asked of John Enge, sub-escheator in Somerset.

R. de Plumstock, Hugh de Pencers, and William de Bourne appointed by the D. & C. to measure the said moor, and to assign portions to the free tenants and to the villains, and especially to the tenants of Muridone.

The tenants of Mourdon to have one acre of the new enclosure more than the share allotted in the said moors, and 30 acres by the bridge in Cory moor in common, and a right of way from Boterlake to Folkes-moor.

The Cottarii to have one acre in separali; they, and the other tenants of the D. & C., and the sons of their villains are to have common rights in the commons on the moors.

Each villain to pay 6 pence for each acre of moor.

The Precentor and the Succentor to go as quickly as possible to Montacute Priory to seek licence to make a new water course for Knappe Mill.

A question about a certain charter, not described, between the D. & C., and Hugh de Bello Campo, and Robt. de Pudele, treated of "in die amoris."

fol. 149 in dors.

The D. & C. grant a rent of a half a marc upon a house in Chamberlain Street to William le Veil for an obit pro animâ suâ, &c.

A similar grant to John de Surrey, Vicar.

Four canons, viz., the Arcdn. of Tanton; W. de Launton; Thomas de Haselschawe; and William de Charlton, appointed to audit the accounts of Richard de Penser, Subtreasurer to Jordan Morant the Treasurer.

The Chantry of S. Mary in the chapel at Northcory, with houses and lands appertaining granted by the D. & C. to Roger de Moleyns the chaplain, for life. A.D. 1317.

Receipt for £8 19*s.* 4½*d.*, part payment of the £10 pension from Burnham Church. £1 allowed which is to be paid by Henry the Rector to the Abbey of Glaston as collectors in the diocese of the King's Tenths granted to him by John XXII. for the war against the Scotch. And 7½*d.* to be paid by him to the Dean of Axebrugge "ad opus Cancellarii et Universitatis Oxonie"; that is at the rate of one ½*d.* in the marc. A.D. 1320.

fol. 150.

Conf. by the D. & C. of the exchange made between the Bp. and the House of S. Mark, Bristol. With the boundaries of the lands.

fol. 150 in dors.

Test, to the original deed, John de Erle; John de Meriet; Matthew de Clyvedon; John de Bello Campo de Norton; John de Clyvedon; knights; and John de Hampton; John de Northlode; Philip le Irrays; William de Brutton; Reginald de Hanam; John de Ardenie, &c.

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The appropriation of Stockland Church also confirmed, saving a payment of 2 shillings to the Church at Wells "pro sequestris tempore vacationis."

Bp. John had made public declaration of his intention to make a visitation of the Prebends and Firms of the Cathedral. The D. & C. claim the sole right to make such visitation and hold a special chapter to consider the matter, in which they determine to appeal against the Bp.'s claim. Wednesday next after the feast of the Translation [this word carefully erased, and entered again in a very much later hand] of S. Thomas the Martyr, A.D. 1319. fol. 151.

Another Chapter held, "ad pulsationem magne campane prout moris est," on Thursday next after the Assumption, in the same year, confirms the resolution.

The articles sent by the Bp. to the D. & C. are declared to be without authority in another Chapter, and all canons who have been resident during the past and present year are summoned to consider the question on Monday next before Ash-Wednesday; and canons who are absent are to be informed, so that they may advise what had better be done.

All charters, &c. are to be examined, and produced on that day.

Notification of the facts and request for their advice, addressed to members of the Chapter. fol. 151 in dors.

The D. & C. to W. the Archbp. of Canterbury. fol. 152.

Have received his letter in which he claims the power of calling into residence all ecclesiastical persons in the province, and complains of their delay in obeying his mandate to call into residence John de Bruyton, Cancellarius and their Treasurer, and summons them to appear before him. They answer that the bearer, J. Martel, will explain why they cannot comply with the order. As to appearing in answer to the Archbp's summons they are ready to obey "quatenus de jure tenemur, &c."

April 5th, A.D. 1320.

J. Martel appointed proctor to appear in this case before the Archbp. May 23, A.D. 1320.

Similiter. April 6, A.D. 1320. fol. 152 in dors.

Mandate from the Bp. to the D. & C. to install as Treasurer and Canon, William de Clopton, late rector of the Church of Tidd S. Mary, in Lincoln diocese, who has made an exchange with John de Bruyton. Given at Wyvelscumb. May 8, A.D. 1320.

Acknowledgment of receipt from Henry de Schavington, Archdn. of Tanton, on the sequestrations of vacant benefices in the diocese given to the Cathedral by Bp. Josceline, from his Archdeaconry for the years A.D. 1304–1320, £4 18*s.* 11*d.* Also from Chedesey Church £10 in part payment of 20 marcs, our share of the payments during vacancy. And from several smaller churches 12*s.* 1*d.* A.D. 1320.

Conf. by the D. & C. of the manumission of William son of Richard Richman de Benhangre granted to Elias de Corscumbe by John de Grandisona, Archdn. of Nottingham, and prebendary of Whitchurch. July 10, A.D. 1321. fol. 153.

The prebend of Combe 10th given to Hugh de Pencris by Bp. Walter on the resignation of his nephew Thomas de Haselschawe. Oct. 2, A.D. 1305.

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Luke de Harpetre appointed by the D. & C. to be escheator for the receipt of the revenues for one year of all prebends vacant by death. A.D. 1320.

fol. 153 in dors

The Dean (Henry) and C. desire the celebration of a general obit, and hospitality for Gilbert Waweyn the bearer of their letters to this effect.

A suit in the Court of Canterbury between Canon Thomas de Haselshawe and Master William de Yatton. The former claims the firm of Congresbury, vacant by the death of Canon Thomas de Gorges, on the ground that it has always been the custom to grant firms to those who have first kept their residence.

Articles which the Sub-dean William de Yatton puts in to prove that there has been no such invariable custom.

fol. 154.

A long list of firms granted at different times to prove this.

Audit of Richard de Pencers accounts. A.D. 1320.

Manumission of William Brigge of Stokegummer by Richard de Plymstok the firmarius, and conf. by the D. & C. A.D. 1321.

A summons to attend at a chapter meeting on urgent business, not described. No names or dates.

fol. 154 in dors.

An urgent summons to a chapter for the Monday next after Trinity, to consider what steps are to be taken in consequence of the Bp. having claimed the $\frac{2}{3}$ of the fruits of the vacant benefice of Bawdrip, which belong to the D. & C. by the grant of Bishop J. May 12, A.D. 1321.

Recounts the grant of Bp. J., and appeals to Rome and Canterbury against the Bp's. action.

fol. 155.

In spite of the appeal William de Edyngton the Bp's. official has sold the proceeds of Bawdrip Church; John de Bogelegh the Chapter proctor appeals to the Bp. to withdraw from his position for the sake of peace, and to give directions to the Dean of Paulet, in whose Deanery the sale took place, that the Archdn. is to receive the money and pay it to the D. & C.

The Bp. not having consented, or having delayed his answer "plus debito," the D. & C. appeal against his act.

John de Middleton and Adam de ffagenham appointed by the D. & C. to be their proctors in the case. A.D. 1321.

Acknowledgment of the receipt by the D. & C. of £9 15*s.* 8*d.*, from Henry de Sandwyc, Archdn. of Bath, as the proceeds of their portion all benefices which have been vacant in his archdeaconry from the time of his appointment until this date; His own portion, one third, is £4 16*s.* 10*d.*

Dec. 17, A.D. 1321.

fol. 155 in dors.

The D. & C. to their brother Gilbert de Middleton, praying for his advice and aid.

John de Bruton and Richard de Plumstok, canons, appointed by the D. & C. to be their proctors in the Parliament at Westminster to be holden on the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, &c. A.D. 1321.

Receipt given by the D. & C. to Robert, Vicar of Milverton, and Simon Cotyn, vicar of the Cathedral, exors. of Henry de Schavynton

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late Archdn. of Tauton, for 5 marcs; the proceeds of the Church of Chedesey, during vacancy. A.D. 1321.

Bond of the D. & C. to Richard called Richman, for £40 lent by him through the hands of Richard de Baker custodian of the fabric, for the good of the fabric. A.D. 1321.

Presentation by the D. & C. of Richard de Baac to the vicarage of North Cory. A.D. 1321. fol. 156.

The Bp. orders his official to pay to the Archdn. for the D. & C., the fruits of Bawdrip Church, during vacancy, collected and held by the Dean of Poulet, &c. Aug. 17, A.D. 1321.

The Bp. acknowledges the ancient rights of the Chapter.

The D. & C. forgive an injury which has been done to them by Walter called the Barber, on his humble petition.

The jurisdiction of the Dean and Sub-dean. fol. 156 in dors.
They had differed about the power of visiting Woky Church which is annexed to the Sub-dean's office. The strife had cause much scandal among the people. The Bp. summons the two parties before him, and after much altercation in his presence, he decides that the jurisdiction belongs to the Dean, the Sub-dean has authority only in the absence of the Dean. But as a compromise with the consent of the Dean, the Sub-dean is to have authority in Woky, and is to be answerable only to the Bp.; he is to have authority in the city and suburbs only when the Dean is absent. A.D. 1310.

The D. & C. to John de Mohun, in French. fol. 157.
Are sending to him Sir William de Weston to treat of matters touching Stokegummer.

The D. & C. to all.
The Rectors and Vicars and other ecclesiastical persons of the Deanery of Tanton have given one penny in the pound on the value of their benefices for the roofing of the new campanile, but this is not to be considered as a precedent.
Dec. 23, A.D. 1321.

The D. & C. renew their request to the Bp. to remove his official, who has been the cause of all the differences between them.

The D. & C. to the Archbp. Have received his summons for a Convocation in St Paul's on Dec. 1st. fol. 157 in dors.

The house of the late Canon Robert de Gloucester, given to Canon Mathew Husee. Names of those present in Chapter are given. A.D. 1321.

Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of an agreement between Bp. John and Richard Rodenye, knight, concerning certain lands at Ceddre, on April 15, A.D. 1318. Confirmed in the year A.D. 1322.

Similiter. Concerning lands in Stoke Giffard, Draycot, Pridie, Wooky, Westbury, Easton. fol. 158.
Test. John de Bello Campo de Marisco, John de Clivedon, William Malherbe, Thomas de Gornay, Thomas de Weleslegh, knights; and William Arthur; John de Northlode; John de Draycote, &c.
Confirmed A.D. 1321.

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In a Chapter held on Wednesday May 18, A.D. 1332 and the next day, after much discussion the firms of Lovington and Modiford were let to the Dean John de Godelee for £23 6*s.* 0*d.* a year.

The names of those present on both days are given.

fol. 158 in dors. Lydiard let at the same time to William de Borne.

Notification of the above to the men of Lovington.

General notification of the same.

The D. & C. request Canon Hernicus de Stanton to examine into a disputed sum of 115*s.* 1½*d.* claimed by the King's Exchequer.

A pension of 10 marcs granted to William de Cherleton "de communa," for so long as he is a canon. A.D. 1322.

William de Cherleton resigns the firm of Ceddre. A.D. 1322.

fol. 159. The D. & C. to the King.

Have received his request, brought by Robert de Cantuar, and John de Schordich, for a loan of the 100 marcs left by Bp. William de Marchia, and kept at Wells "usque ad generale passagium ad terram sanctam." The money has for a long time been in the Bp.'s hands. They are willing to lend it to the King for two years, and pray for such an acknowledgment as may be a sufficient answer to the Pope and all men.

Given on the morrow of the Assumption.

The D. & C. to the Bp. on the same matter. They had answered to the King's messengers that they could not comply without consultation with him. The messengers, "quasi iracundiâ moti," pressed us to make the loan for they must go back at once, and we gave our consent so far as we have the power, for we did not dare to resist the King's messengers, &c.

Written on the same day.

fol. 159 in dors. Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant of a tenement, &c. at Banwell made by the Bp. of John to his vallet, and his wife, for life. A.D. 1322.

Inspex. and Conf. by the C, of a grant made by Dean J. de Godelee of lands in Wedmore, Merkham, Modeslegh, Tadham. A.D. 1322.

fol. 160. Many details about the lands, and names of persons.

A letter of introduction for their messenger William de Bourne from the D. & C. to W. Bp. of Exon, the King's Treasurer.

The D. & C. to the Bp.

They have been much troubled by the importunity of the Prioress, &c. of Kington in Sarum diocese, who "aviditate feminea," wishes us to assent to the appropriatiou made to them by you of the Church of Twyverton. We in consideration of the inconveniences which arise from such appropriations, and of the decisions of the Legates Otto and Octobonus, decline to give our consent, and we have said so openly whenever the request has been made.

The said religiose are making use of the fruits of the benefice. We advise you, "ut tenemur," to revoke whatever may have been done towards the appropriation; and we pray for an answer by the bearer of this. Given on the morrow of the Sunday when Misericordia Domini is sung.

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The D. & C. to Sir Hughe le Despenser, Earl of Wynton in French. Have received his letters about the appropriation of Twyverton, and are sending to him Canon John Martel. fol. 160 in dors.

Appointment of John de Yvelton to be auditor of all the Chapter accounts. A.D. 1317. In French.

Pension to W. de Cherleton. As on fol. 158 in dors.

John Walwayn the Escheator to William de Braybroke.
The D. & C. are not to be interfered with, without special orders from the King. In French.

Charter of Agnes Lock as on fol. 34. fol. 161.

Charter of William (quondam) son of Peter Canute, granting to Roger the parson of Chiuton the house, &c. which his father had leased to the D. & C. Conf. fol. 35.

Charter of Roger as on fol. 35. A.D. 1235.

Charter of Lucia de Kardumulla as on fol. 27 in dors.

Charter of John her brother as on fol. 27 in dors and 28.

Charter of William Buche of Wells granting to the D. & C. the houses which he bought of Milo, and which had belonged to John de Cardumull, &c. fol. 162.

Charter of Roger Burgeys to Richard son of Ivo about the same.

Charter of Richard son of Ivo to William called the Archdn. and vicar of Wells. fol. 162 in dors.

Charter of W. called Archdn. to the D. & C. about the same. fol. 163.

Ratification by the Bp. of the allowance made by the D. & C. of the use of candles for reading in the choir during the night, and also of the use of books there in the daytime.
Given at Banewell. Aug. 1. 1323.

Recognition by the Bp. of the D. & C. rights in the fruits of vacant benefices.
Dec. 25. A.D. 1321.

Conf. by the Bp. of the jurisdiction of the D. & C. through the Dean over the Cathedral, all Prebends and their Churches [save only the prebended Church of Barton], the Churches of Nither Stawey, Caramptone, West Ludeford, Winesham, Evercreech, Westbury, Childcompton, Bromfelde, Lovington, Bishop Lydiard, North Cory, S. Cuthbert's Wells, Ceddre and its chapels. A.D. 1321. fol. 163 in dors.

Commission issued by the Bp. to Richard de Plumstoke and John Martell, Canons of Wells, and to William de Edyngton, and Robert de Wamburg, clerks, to inquire into the jurisdiction, &c. of the D. & C. A.D. 1321.

The Bp. confirms pro tempore nostro, the jurisdiction of the Precentor in Pulton, and of the Chancellor in Kingsbury. fol. 164.

The Bp's. bond to the D. & C. for £23 6*s.* 8*d.*, for two mitres received from them, one valued at £10, the other £13 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid at Michaelmas A.D. 1323 unless the D. & C. consent to defer the

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payment. He has received also a pastoral staff, estimated at £6 13*s.* 4*d.*; a gold ring with a sappire; gloves cum nodis aureis and sandals, estimated at £2 10*s.*, to be restored or their value paid at his death. Given at Blakeford, Dec. 15, A.D. 1321.

In consideration of the benefits done to the Cathedral by the former Bp. Robert Burnell, and by the present Bp. Walter de Hasleshaw: for the said Bp. Robert procured for the Church of S. Andrew, the Churches of Penelton, Burnham, Stanton Dru, and Coleworth, and the said Bp. Walter obtained for it the patronage of Burnham; the D. & C. establish a cantaria of £10 for the King, the Queen, the Queen Alienor, the Bps.' &c. at the altars of the Blessed Virgin, and S. Andrew, near the entrance of the choir.

fol. 164 in dors. Details at length.

fol. 165. Jany. 5. A.D. 1306.

The D. & C. to all Rectors and Vicars in Axebruge deanery. One tenth of all benefices had been freely given "infra biennium a festo S. Michaelis A.D. 1326," for the new buildings of the Church, and for the removal and honourable burial of the body of Bp. William de Marchia. This is not to be considered a precedent. If within the two years a tenth is called for by the Pope, or the Archbp. with the consent of the clergy, the payment of the gift to the Cathedral may be deferred.

Dec. 26. A.D. 1326.

fol. 165 in dors. Inspex: and Conf: by the D. & C. of the grant by Bp. John to S. Mark's House, Bristol, of the Advowson of Over Stawey.

Given at Banewell, Oct. 1, A.D. 1326. Confirmed Nov. 11.

fol. 166. Inspex. and Conf. of the appropriation of the last to S. Mark's; By Bp. John: saving a pension of 40 shillings to the fabric of the Cathedral in lieu of the D. & C. claim to their portion of the proceeds on vacancies.

A vicar to be appointed as usual.

Given at Blakeford, Oct. 23, A.D. 1326. Confirmed Nov. 10.

Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant of land for a vicarage house at Dundon made by Henricus de Stanton the canon and prebendary of Dundon. A.D. 1326.

fol. 166 in dors. Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant by Bp. John, of lands at Compton to John Peche and Murielle his wife and their children. A.D. 1327.

A peremptory summons, sent through the D. & C.'s official Richard de Baaker vicar of North Cory, to the Abbot of Athelney to attend at a Chapter where secret and important matters are to be discussed. A.D. 1327.

fol. 167. Presention by the D. & C. of Hen. de Schirebourne to the second chantry of Dean H. Husee. A.D. 1327.

The D. & C. to the Chapter of Sarum.

Inasmuch as the Church of Wells since its foundation by Robert, Bp. of Bath upon the same statutes as the Church of Sarum, has always followed the same, we ask for your advice upon a matter which may turn out very much to our prejudice.

Pray let us know what is the rule with you for a visitation of the Chapter by the Bishop. Ought he to visit all the canons and dignitaries? Ought he to visit the "corpus dignitatum?" &c. Oct. 1.

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Answer of the Chapter of Sarum.
The Bps. have sometimes attempted to make a visitation, but we have never heard of any instance of their making a visitation of the dignitaries or the "corpora dignitatum." Any faults among the canons are corrected, "ad commonitionem Epi," by the Chapter itself. Oct. 4.

At a Chapter held Aug. 20, A.D. 1327, it was agreed that in consequence of the expenses which Canon John de Bruton has been put to in pursuing his claim to the firm of Stokegummer, he shall have the pay of a canon for three years, excepting only the quotidians.

Petition to Pope J. to confer a canonry and prebend in Wells on Alan de Conesburg juris civilis professor, in return for all his services to Wells. Aug. 11. fol. 167 in dors.

The D. & C. to Allan de Conesburg. Praying for his advice and aid with regard to certain exemptions sought by the Abbey of Glaston.

An entry about Stockland. Crossed out. A.D. 1327.

Andrew de Drokensforde, prebendary of Yatton pays to the Chapter £45 7*s.* 2*d.* raised upon certain goods belonging to the late prebendary Richard de Abyndon. fol. 168.
The names of those present in the Chapter are given.

Receipt for £8 19*s.* 9½*d.* from Burnham. £1 is to be paid to the Abbey of Muchelnye, collectors of the tenths granted to the king for two years by Pope John XXII. and 2½*d.* is to be paid to the Dean of Axebridge "ad opus unius conversi docentis Oxon in linguâ Ebralca pro utilitate tocius regni."

Audit of the receipts of the firmarii of the Fraternity of S. Andrew, and of the receivers of legacies throughout the diocese, and of money given for the maintenance of the fabric.
The sums are not stated. A.D. 1323.

Legitimacy of Canon Robert de Wells, son of Reginald called Begeyn and Emma his wife, declared by the D. & C. A.D. 1323. fol. 168 in dors.

Leave to Luke de Harptre, Vicar in Wells, to visit the holy places as a pilgrim. A.D. 1323.

Allotment of a house in Chamberlain Street to Walter Spark and his wife, &c. A.D. 1323. fol. 169.

Receipt for the Burnham pension. £9 to themselves, £1 to the Abbey of Muchelney for the King's Tenth. A.D. 1324.

The D. & C. have sold to Alice widow of W. Gyan the custody of all the lands which he held in North Cory on military tenure, and the maritagium of her son Robert. A.D. 1321. fol. 169 in dors.

A general Chapter called to consider the poverty and miserable state of the Church. A.D. 1324.

Alan de Conisborg, and Richard de Baac appointed proctors for the D. & C. in legal matters. A.D, 1324. fol. 170.

Inspex. and Conf. by the D. & C. of a grant made by Bp. John of lands, &c. in Banwell at Puttingthrop, to his vallet John de Acres, and to Robert Strode.
Given at North Cory, Feb. 16, A.D. 1324. Confirmed Feb. 25.

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Charter of Bp. John to Nicholas the Abbot of Keynesham, which was founded by William comes Gloucornie.

fol. 170 in dors. The monastic revenues are not sufficient for modern needs; they have also been deprived of the Tithes of Sroke in the parish of Chiew which they have held from the time of the foundation of their house, and of a pension of 12 marcs from Bradestoke in Canterbury diocese, the Archbp. being against them; their flocks have suffered much mortality; their land is sterile, and they have suffered by floods. Therefore the Bp. appropriates to them the church of Heghelitleton, &c. And the Chapter confirms it. A.D. 1324.

fol. 171. The Charter of the Abbey undertaking to pay the procuration reserved to the Archdn. of 10 shillings, and 5 shillings a year to the D. & C.

fol. 171 in dors. Conf. of a grant of lands in Wedmore made by the Dean. Many names of persons and places are given. A.D. 1325.

The D. & C. to John de Grandisono.

The general voice of this diocese and of the neighbouring dioceses have pronounced that Bp. William de Marchia was a man of good reputation, and a good pastor, one who had to sustain many burdens and injuries in defence of his church and flock; signs and miracles are daily wrought at his tomb, &c. They pray him therefore to use his influence with some one of the Cardinals that this good man may be canonized, "quem Deus tantis miraculis disposuit coruscare.

fol. 172. The D. & C. to Canon R. de Wamberg.

Laurence de la Waar having been sent by the King as his Ambassador to Rome, the D. & C. had entrusted him with the care of their business there; and especially with regard to the Canonization of Bp. W. de Marchia.

We hear that our enemy John de Britton is also going to Rome, and we fear lest he stir up others to oppose us.

We pray you therefore after consultation with our friends in London to devise some defence against the machinations of the said John.

The bearers of this are our proctors in the Court of Rome, Richard Baak and John de Grigg, and we pray you to commit to writing what you may advise, and give it to them, having attached your seal. That you also write to us by Stephen as soon as possible. We enclose copies of letters which we have sent to the Chancellor to beg for letters from the King to the Pope, and to the King's friends among the Cardinals in the Curia. We have also written to Master Thomas de Plumstoke that if he is in favor with the King we pray him to act for us in the same manner as we pray you. Felicissime valeatis. At Wells, June 4, A.D. 1324.

The D. & C. to Master Robert de Baldok Archdn. of Middlesex and Chancellor to the King.

A letter similar to that sent to John de Grandesono.

fol. 172 in dors. Dated at Wells, June 2, A.D. 1324.

Bp. J. to William de Testa, Cardinal.

A letter similar to the last.

The D. & C. to J. de Grigge and Richard de Baak.

Our adversary John de Britton is going to Rome. Be on the watch against him. They send copies of the letters which have been written as above about the canonization, and a list of the miracles [not given here] which have been done in the diocese since the death of the Bp.;

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they are to obtain as examiners of the list and promoters the Bps. of Sarum and Landaff; the Abbots of Glaston, Sherborne, Muchelney, Athelney, and Keynesham. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

The D. & C. to the Archdn. of Wells. fol. 173.

The complaint of the vicars that their stipends and allowances from the Grange, and the "panis pro eukaristia" are witheld. Possibly he does not know the truth. Beg him to take the proper measures.

Inspex: and Conf: by the D. & C. of a grant of land, &c. at Modesley made by the Dean to one Roger de Schutton and Nichola his wife. A.D. 1326.

Audit of the receipts by the Archdn. of Bath, Henry de Sandwyk, from vacant benefices in his Archdeaconry from Michaelmas A.D. 1321 to Wednesday July 3 A.D. 1325. Total sum is £3 4*s*. 3*d*. The D. & C. portion is £2 2*s*. 10*d*.

An entry ordering that certain revenues from Ceddre, Lydiard, Stokgomer, and Congresbury, be paid in discharge of debts. A.D. 1325. All crossed out.

Mem. On the Vigil of S. Martin, A.D. 1325, Canon William de Pensers was appointed Seneschal at the request of the D. & C.

Item. An allowance was made to Canon Galfrid de Eton of the residue of the taxation on his prebend of Ilton, and Roger de Westbury, the Escheator is to see to it.

Item. The Bp. gave one half of the proceeds of his visitation to the new work of the Cathedral, and the D. & C. appoint Canon Robert de Wanberg to collect them.

Item. The stalls in the choir being in a bad condition each dignitary is to keep his own in repair.

For this purpose each canon is to pay 30 shillings.

The Archbp. Walter, and the Bishops, Stephen of London, Walter of Exon, John of Chichester, Henry of Lincoln, Roger of Coventry and Lichfield, John of Bath and Wells, Thomas of Worcester, and Adam of Hereford, petition the Pope for the canonization of William de Marchia, on account of his virtues and the many miracles which are being wrought at his tomb, &c. fol. 174.

Given at Lamhuth, Dec. 4, A.D. 1325.

The Queen to the Pope, de eodem.

A similar letter to the Cardinals. fol. 174 in dors.

Commission given by the D. & C. to Canon Robert de Wamberg, and to J. de Midelton, to collect from the canons the sums determined for the new stalls. A.D. 1325.

A question between the D. & C. and the Archdn. of Wells about the firmarius of Cuthbert's, Wells. A.D. 1326.

Inspex: and Conf: by the D. & C. of a grant made by Bp. J. to Canon Michael de Eston of a place in a garden in our manor of Wells and adjacent to his house, 50 feet in length eastward from the wall of the Chapel of S. Mary newly built—and in the direction of our St. Andrew's fountain in the said garden from the old wall of the said Michael, 28 feet. A tree in the said garden "vulgarly called Medlar" near the Fountain is to be preserved. fol. 175.

A path of 8 feet in width to be kept up. A.D. 1326.

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The will of Alice Swansee.
To be buried by her son Philip, late a vicar, opposite the Chapel of All Saints near (juxta) the Cloister.
Many small bequests of articles of furniture and dress. A.D. 1348.

fol. 175 in dors. A proctor appointed for the synod to be held in S. Paul's on the seventh day after S. Faith. A.D. 1326.

A grant by the D. & C. of land at Merk, and Merkham to John Gylling of Merkbrigge and Juliana his wife. A.D. 1327.

The D. & C. to T. Bp. of Worcester. Pray that Canon William de Clopcote may be excused from residence at his benefice of Olveston, as he is resident at Wells. Feb. 26. A.D. 1328.

fol. 176. Summons addressed to Canon Thomas de Retford to attend at a Chapter. A.D. 1328.

The Bp. John, communicates to the D. & C. the papal mandate which he has received from Pope John, calling for special solemn masses and prayers, on account of the disturbed state of all Christian kingdoms, and the attacks of heretics and schismatics upon the Church.
fol. 176 in dors. Details of the services and prayers to be used.
Given at Avinion, June 20. Pontif. nostri anno 12°
Given at Odestoke near New Sarum, Oct. 27, 1328.

The D. & C. to Archbp. Symon. In answer to his summons (which is recited) to appear at a provincial council to be holden in S. Paul's on Friday next after the Conversion of S. Paul, &c., they have appointed Canon Philip de Brabazon and Philip de Wamberg to be their proctors. A.D. 1328.

fol. 177. A page has been cut out and fol. 177 begins with the witnesses of some deed which is lost. A.D. 1329. John de Cleveden, Hugh de Longlande, Galfrid de Hancombe, Knights; and Richard de Lovenee, Helias de Godelee, William de Reyny, Walter de Rodeney. Given at Dunden, on Wednesday, April 19, A.D. 1329.

Leave of absence for one third of the year to Subdean Walter Brown for the purpose of study in the schools. A.D. 1330.

Summons to a Chapter. A.D. 1331.

The D. & C. to Canon Thomas de Retford. Have received from Bishop Ralph the following notice from Archbp. Symon of a visitation. He and others are therefore summoned to a Chapter.
fol. 177 in dors. The Bp. appoints a day for the visitation in the Cathedral. A.D. 1331.

An entry here has been carefully and absolutely erased.

Mem. Presentation of Alan de Notyngham to be his vicar by Thomas de Retford, Chancellor, and Prebendary of Combe 8th, A.D. 1329.
A house allotted to R. de Tichemerch, vicar. A.D. 1329.

Walter De Hulle, Rector of Shepton Beauchamp appointed their official by the D. & C. A.D. 1329.

A loose folio sewn on.
Very faint writing. The subject a sum of £10 payable to the Cathedral. A.D. 1331.

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A humble petition to the D. & C. All very faint and very difficult to read. A.D. 1331.

Two lines about a sum of £10.

The process of the election of Bp. Ralph de Salopia on Tuesday during the Feast of the Translation of S. Andrew. A.D. 1329.
The Prior of Bath, &c. and the D. & C. of Wells call Chapters for the Saturday next after S.S. Nereus, Achilles, and Pancratius for the purpose of the election.
On that day the D. & C. appoint Robert de Haselschaw and the prepositus of the Cathedral and Canon John de Orleton to obtain the licence from the King.

The Prior and Convent of Bath also appoint two proctors to meet the others at Ferindone.

The D., J. de Godelee, to the Bp. R. fol. 178.
Have received his letters complaining of certain injuries done to the Church; they have considered the matter and will co-operate with the Bp. and he will take council and act with the other Bps. in the coming Parliament.

Apparently a petition to the Pope that a prebend may be conferred upon a Bachelor of Civil Law. Difficult to read.

Grant by the D. & C. of a placea near the cemetery.

Inspex. by the D. & C. of a final concord entered into between Bp. Walter and Dean John de Godelee with regard to certain rights in Wedmore, Blakeford, Baggeley. fol. 178 in dors.

Bp. W. allows the Dean, Walter de Haselshaw, to run 60 pigs in his park at Westbury from Michaelmas to S. Martin's. Dec. 19, A.D. 1298. fol. 179.
Several canons names are given.

A pension given by the D., J. de Godelee, and the C. of 40 shillings a year to William Joy, master of the fabric.

Thomas de Retford the Chancellor and the Chapter, in consideration of the merits of the Dean, J. de Godelee, and that he procured from the King licence to acquire 20 librates of land, and the revenues for two presbyters to perform daily service on behalf of the souls of the King and his father, and the Queen Margaret, in a general convocation establish a chantry of two presbyters, one at the altar of the Body and Blood of Christ, the other at the altar in the Chapel of S. Mary by the cloister, for the souls of Edward, grandfather of the King and of Queen Margaret, of Elyas de Godelee and Johanna his wife, of Roger la Someter and Letitia his wife, and for the good estate of John de Godelee the Dean, and of John de Briwton, and Hamelin de Godelee, canons, during life, and for their souls after death. fol. 179 in dors.
Details of the services to be held at each altar on different days, &c. fol. 180.
Test. The noble men John de Erlegh; John de Clyvedon; Hugh de Langelonde; Simon de ffurneaux; knights. Walkelin toner; Philip de Welleslegh; Robert de Somerton; Hugh de Draycote; Roger de Hanam; Adam de Cheleworthe; Thomas de Testwode, &c.
Given at Wells, Feb. 21, A.D. 1330.
A long, and interesting document, of two pages.

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fol. 180 in dors. The D. & C. grant the Lady Katerine, widow of Walter de Northwik, knight; and to their son John and Margaret his wife, on their petition, participation in the benefit of all masses, prayers, alms giving in the Cathedral, &c. And that after death their names shall be inscribed in the Martyrology of the Church. May 11, A.D. 1331.

A similar grant to Henry de Harnhill, knight.

June 7, A.D. 1332, various firms allotted to several canons, &c.

Congesbury let to firm for £45 a year. A.D. 1332.

fol. 181. Dispensation from residence to Walter de Hulle, Vicar. A.D. 1329.

Pension of 36*s.* 6*d.* to W. Joye [conf. fol. 179] beyond his present stipend, for life. He is to supervise all repairs, and give his aid and advice when needed. A.D. 1329.

The D. & C. in consideration of benefits received from the late Robert Cormailles, appoint two chaplains "perpetuo celebrandos" in the chapel of S. Katerine, S. Mary Magdalene, and S. Margaret, on behalf of the souls of the said Robert, of Bp. John de Drokensford, of Canon Richard de Alresford, &c.

fol. 181 in dors. Details are given. A.D. 1329.

The D. & C. grant to John de Monham, knight, in return for benefits received, full participation in the benefits of all prayers, &c. in the Cathedral both during life and after death. A.D. 1330.

The D. & C. to the Pope.
The high character of Bp. Ralph.
We have heard that some seek to bring him into disrepute, and question his position. This is the truth. He answered all the questions duly, and we would not have elected him, nor would he have proceeded to consecration if there had been any irregularity, &c. We had an excellent report of him and have elected him "concorditer." They pray therefore for the papal confirmation.

fol. 182. The D. & C. to Bp. R. Have received his letter, in which he states that his predecessor had pledged a mitre with a London burgess for a large sum of money, and this the king's ministers now seek to appropriate to the king, as he hears from some of them who care for the honour and repute of our church. If the D. & C. unanimously desire it the Bp. will use his best efforts to recover it, on the condition that it remains for the future in the Cathedral, &c. Given at Dogmersfeld, Oct. 15.

The D. & C. assent, and also send to the Bp. one mitre of the value of 100 shillings; a pastoral staff, value 10 marcs; a silver thurible, value 4 marcs; two silver candelabra, value 12 marcs, to be restored on S. Michael's Day next after the present consecration. Oct. 23. A.D. 1329.

Bond and oath given by John Duyn, to whose care the above were committed, that he has received and will restore them to the D. & C.

fol. 182 in dors Hugh de Alresford appointed seneschal by the D. & C. A.D. 1330.

Quitclaim to the D. & C. by William son of William atte fferlyng of 3 acres in North Cory at Cnappe. A.D. 1330.

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Receipt given by the Bp. for the above jocalia at Dogmersfeld, Nov. 13, A.D. 1329.

Mem. After 34 years he died and was buried at Wells before the steps of the Choir and the High Altar.

Appointment by the D. & C. of John Hilebrond of Alveston in the parish of Shirbourne, to be receiver of all gifts and legacies throughout the diocese made to the fraternity of S. Andrew for the fabric, excepting only those which are more than half a marc, and those which come from the canons, vicars, or citizens of Wells. Dec. 20, A.D. 1329.

Procuratorial letters about the same. fol. 183.

The said J. Hilbrond to provide sureties, viz., Stephen de Wedmore, John Crase, Robert le Salter, William Whynde.

Mandate of Bp. Ralph about the Archdeacon's office, and the answer of the D. & C. thereto. fol. 183 in dors.

Charter of Hugh of Limington, vicar, conveying to the D. & C. a tenement, &c. in Wells for the support of his obit.

Adam de Sutton sent by the D. & C. to the Bp. of Exon. "ad petendum oleum per vestras sacras manus . . . consecrandum pro ecclesia nostra Wellen : et tota diocese Bathon suis temporibus et locis prout decet suis temporibus utendum." &c. April 8.

Mem. A house allotted to Thomas de Lechlade, vicar, on July 21, and Richard de Braye, vicar, is given him as his associate in the same house. A.D. 1330. fol. 184.

Similiter.

Charter of King Edward to John de Draknesford, "nuper episcopo, B. & W.," allowing him to hold lands to the value of £10 and the advowson of a church, &c., and to give them to a chantry. And confirmation of a grant made by Hamelin de Godelee of certain lands in Stokegummer for a chantry in the cathedral, to the value of £3 13*s.* 4*d.* At Notyngham, Sept. 13, Anno regni 4°.

The above was placed in the Treasury. A.D. 1338.

Final arrangement made between the Abbey of Glaston : Rectors of S. John's Glaston : and Dean John de Godolee, Rector of Wedmore, about tithes payable by John de Northlode, Lord of Northlode, under the arbitration of their mutual friends, Nicholas de Langlonde, knight; and Antony de Bradnye, and William de Bourne, Canons of Wells. fol. 184 in dors.

Sealed at Glaston : and Wells on Monday, June 15, A.D. 1330.

A similar agreement come to under which the Dean may enclose 600 acres in Wedmore Moor. A.D. 1330.

Agreement between the same about Godney, Yelemore, and Oxemoor. fol. 185.
The Dean claims the Moor of Yelemore, from Padeneberchelake dike on the east, to the water of Ferlingmere pool, and thence to Lichlake on the west, as part of Moderslee Manor. The Abbot too claims rights therein and had cut down trees and pulled down buildings.

The uninclosed portion is to be divided into two parts of equal value; the one bounded by Lichlake to belong to the Dean, the other which lies next Padenesberchlake to the Abbey.

The Abbey may always take a reasonable amount of land when it may be necessary to repair their hatches (gurgites) at Hachwere, Bordene-

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were, and Pariswere. The Abbey to have the sole right of fishery in Ferlingsmere pool and in the watercourse, [sive rinus,] from the said pool to Lichlake.

fol. 185 in dors. Details about pasture rights, rights of way, &c., &c.

fol. 186. Test. Hugh de Courteneye; John de Bello Campo de Somerset; John de Columbariis; John de Erlee; John Wake; Hugh de Langlonde; Simon de fforneaux; Reginald le Jeu; Nicholas de Bonsvyle; knights; &c.

Given at S. Thomas' chapel, by la Sauweye. May 18, E. III. A.D. 1327.

Similar agreement about Yelemore Moor, &c.

fol. 186 in dors. Details of boundaries and pasture-rights &c., &c.

fol. 187. Test. Hugh de Courtenay; Robert Finzpayn; John de Bello Campo de Somerset; Philip de Columbariis; Richard Danel (or Davel); John de Clyvedone; John de Erlegh; John de Wroxhale; Simon de fforneaus; Hugh de Langelonde; Nicholas de Bonevyle, &c.

Both indentures signed May 28, 1 E. III. A.D. 1327.

Attestation of Stephen Tryppe, notary.

fol. 187 in dors. A similar agreement between William de Grandison and his wife Sibilla, and the Dean of Wells, about a watercourse at Burnham.

fol. 188. Agreement as to the jurisdiction of the Dean and the Sub-dean, in the city and suburbs, and in the Churches of Evercrich; Childecompton; Westbury; and their chapels, &c.; and also in Dynre; Warmester; Doultyngote, &c.

fol. 188 in dors. Given by the Bp. at Banewell, Jan. 19, A.D. 1310.

Conf: by the Chapter of a grant of land in villainage at Modeslee by the Dean. A.D. 1333.

fol. 189. Presentation by the D. & C. of John de Tanton to the vicarage of North Cory. 1328.

Final concord made between John de Bello Campo de Somerset, knight; and Dean John de Godolee, about the Manor of Knappe.

John de Bello Campo is son and heir of the Lady Cecelia de bello campo. Hamelin de Godelee is brother of Dean John de Godelee.

fol. 189 in dors. Details of the agreement.

fol 190. Summons to a Chapter called to consider the attempts of the Prior of Montacute to invade the rights of Wells Cathedral. A.D. 1332.

fol. 190 in dors. Order made by the D. & C. about the apportionment of firms among the canons, &c., and summons for a general Chapter to consider and confirm this, according to the advice of Archbp. Symon who has held his visitation while the subject was still under discussion.

Congresbury firm, £45. Whitechurch Church (the half of) £33 6*s.* 8*d.* Ceddre, £36 13*s.* 4*d.* Stokegummer, £50. Lydiard, £35. The Grange in Wells, £80. Modiford and Lovrington, £35, to be paid to the communar at the 4 terms, &c.

fol. 191. The Chapter announces the death of Dean John de Godelee. Feb. 6, A.D. 1332.

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The Chapter appoint Canon Henry de Fuleham to be their proctor in all matters which concern their rights in the vacant Deanery. Feb. 5, A.D. 1332.

Similar procuratorial letters. Feb. 5, A.D. 1332.

The Chapter petition the Bp. for the usual licence to elect their Dean. Feb. 5, A.D. 1332. fol. 191 in dors.
It is given.

Summons to a general chapter sent out by Thomas de Retford, the Chancellor, for the purpose of the election for Monday, March 8, A.D. 1332.

Similar summons.

The King's letter to the D. & C., demanding a subsidy for the marriage of his sister Alienora with the Count of Gerlere (Gueldres). Feb. 12, anno regni 7°.

The Chapter answer. fol. 192.
Our Dean, without whom we can do nothing, is absent in foreign parts engaged upon arduous public affairs.
Our cathedral church is in such a ruinous and dilapidated state that all the common fund for three years would be scarcely sufficient for the necessary expenses. The calls upon our funds are very heavy, and the Church has no goods save those which have been given in puram & elemosinam ab antiquo, &c. We therefore pray you to excuse us, &c.

Richard de Thistleden, Treasurer, acting for the Dean Richard de Bury. All this entry very faint.
Summons to a chapter, June 2, A.D. 1333.

Letter from the Treasurer & the Chapter to Canon Reginald. All very faint.

On Sept. 15, A.D. 1333, John de Carleton, deputed by Bp. Ralph, made a Visitation of William de Bubland, the Precentor; Thomas de Retford the Chancellor; Richard de Thistelden, the Treasurer, in St. Katherine's Chapel where the late Bp. J. de Drokensford is buried, in the presence of Stephen Tripp, Notary. fol. 193.

The Treasurer acting for the Dean (who is in a distant country) and the C. appoint proctors to defend their privileges against the Bp.

A Chapter summoned by T. de Retford the Chancellor for Feb. 23, to elect a Dean in the place of Richard de Bury made Bp. of Durham. If the canon cannot attend he may appoint another canon to be his proxy. fol. 193 in dors.

Given on the Purification, A.D. 1333.

Letter to the Bp. on the same day for licence to proceed to the election.

Appeal by the Chapter, by way of precaution, against any possible interference on the part of the Bp. with their right to the custody of the Deanery during vacancy.

Appointment of a proctor to take charge of the vacant Deanery revenues, &c. on behalf of the Chapter.

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Licence for the election from the Bp.
Given at Woky, Feb. 3, A.D. 1333.

fol. 194. Appointment of a proctor to take charge of the vacant office.

The Chapter to the Bp. to announce the election of Canon Wybert de Littleton "nulla instigatione hominis precedente statim, subito, et repente, omnes unanimiter Spiritus Sancti gratia ut firmiter credimus, inspirati, nullo penitus discrepante." April 22, A.D. 1334.

Grant by Bp. Ralph, to Walter de Rodeney, knight, of 12 acres of land at Dynre, on payment of one rose. A.D. 1335.

fol. 194 in dors. A decision come to by the Justiciares in A.D. 1280 that the Advowson of Burnham Ch. is to belong to the Abbey of S. Peter's, Gloucester, and they have given to the Priory of Ewyas the Church of Ffoye on the request of Sir John Creygar who had claimed it.

Concerning the same church of Burnham, A.D. 1222. The advowson is claimed by Roger de Clifford against the Abbey of Gloucester through his wife, daughter of Robert de Ewyas, who gave it "domui sue."

fol. 195. Another question about land at Burnham, dealt with at an Assize at Somerton in A.D. 1280.

Petition of the Chapter to the Pope for the confirmation of the election of Wilberte de Littleton. Jan. 16.

fol. 195 in dors. The homage of Wedmore and Modeslee prove that John de Aschebury, proctor for Dean R. de Bury, received from the exors. of John de Godelee "nomine implementi," 24 oxen for 3 carrucæ, each valued at 13*s*. 4*d*.; also as implements for the Church land 2 oxen, worth 26*s*. 8*d*.; 2 affri worth 20*s*. One bull worth 12*s*.; one cow 10*s*.; one boar, 3*s*. 4*d*.; one sow, 2*s*. Summa, £20 14*s*. 0*d*.

Also for dilapidations in the buildings, £15 10*s*. 0*d*.

Also 1 plough bound with iron, with a hempen rope; one carruca bound with iron, another with all its belongings, with 8 men and 2 iron chains of the length sufficient for 8 oxen. Two tables and tressles in the hall.

A similar list for Modeslee.

fol. 196. Ratification by the Chapter of the election of Wybert de Littleton to be Dean, Jan. 17, A.D. 1334.

The Chapter to King Edward, in French.
Notify to him the election.

fol. 196 in dors. The Chapter appoint proctors to publish the result of the election. The names of the canons present are given. June 27, A.D. 1335.

fol. 196 in dors. fol. 197. Appeal of the D. & C. to the apostolic see in the question between themselves and the Priory of Montacute, and in the matter of Wiveliscombe prebend.

fol. 197 in dors. Licence to elect a Dean in the place of Wybert de Littleton, deceased, sought by the Chapter from the Bp. Aug. 20, A.D. 1335.

The Chapter of Wells appeal to the Bp. of Exon in these circumstances,

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The Church of Wells has of old time held the churches of Wynesham, Cerde, Combe, and Welyngton, &c., and their revenues were applied to the advancement of divine service in the Cathedral in the formation of 15 prebends each of the value of eight marcs, 15 canons in the said church were appointed to pray for the souls of the King, &c., and also 15 vicars, each with two marcs a year, to celebrate daily masses, &c. £20 a year was also assigned to those who say the daily masses in the chapel of the Virgin for the dead. Any residue to be divided amongst them all by the prepositus. Under your orders the above have been sequestrated by the Prior of Tanton, and many of the parsons of Wells, men of good repute, are reduced to mendicancy, and excuse is given them for wandering about the country.

Appointment by the D. & C. of proctors to act in the Court of Arches on their behalf. A.D. 1336.

The D. & C. to their fellow canon John de Offord, Dean of Arches, to sollicit his assistance in their case before Bernard Cystre, papal nuncio, in a suit about the proceeds of the vacant deanery. fol. 198 in dors.

Mem. Thomas the Dean and the C. in the year 1286, called a full chapter in due form, at which it was agreed that a contribution should be made for the cathedral by the canons, for the completion of the new work, "jam diu incepta," and repair of the older parts, at the rate of one-tenth, according to the taxation of Norwich, for five years.

Inspex: and Conf: by the D. & C. of the appropriation to the Abbey of Keynsham of West Harptree Church. fol. 199.

The Abbey is in great poverty, because they depend upon rents in Ireland, and these, on account of the variety of races, and the wars there, and the incursions of the enemy, have altogether failed. Not only have they lost houses and goods, "sed quod horribile est audire ecclesie Deo dedicate appropriate nobis, penitus sunt combuste." No small part of their lands also, both there and in Wales have been injured by floods, "fluentes et refluentes." Sir Walter de Rodenye, pitying their distress, has with the King's consent, given West Harptree advowson, and the Bp. after careful consultation with the Chapters of Bath and Wells, "quod requiritur in hac parte," and with their consent, appropriates it to the use of the Abbey. A sum of 6*s.* 8*d.* is to be paid annually to the fabric of the cathedral; and 2*s.* to the Archdn.

Details about the vicarage. A.D. 1337. fol. 199 in dors.

Receipt given by the D. & C. for the above pension of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Walter de London to John Everard, vicar, and escheator. Recites the rights of the Dean in summoning chapters. The agreement come to in John de Godelee's time for the restoration of the fabric. The oath taken by all members of the church on admission, that they will maintain all that may be rightful and beneficial to the church. The fact that the church suffers much injustice and oppression in these times. That the fabric of the church "pro magna parte restauranda nec aliqua portio pro defensione seu restauratione hujusmodi facienda exstitit deputata"; that the canons resident have spent £1,000 and more upon such works; and that the church is still £200 in debt for such work. fol. 200.

That the non-resident canons who hold the richer prebends, have not contributed at all.

That all this is notorious to all men and to the Chapter.

The Chapter therefore determine that a sum of £200 be paid by the non-resident canons, &c. A.D. 1337. fol. 200 in dors.

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Allotment of a Canon's House. A.D. 1337.

A similar entry.

Mem. On Nov. 20, A.D. 1337. Bp. Ralph conferred on John de Middleton, rector of Shepton Beauchamp, the chancellorship, vacant by the death of Thomas de Retford. And the said chancellor takes oath that within a month of his obtaining possession he will give a lecture or find a lecturer, according to the will of the Bp.

Mem. at the bottom of the next page.

Dec. 15, A.D. 1337. Symon de Bristol to whom the Bp. gave the Chancellorship, by an exchange, there in the Cathedral, in the presence of the Bp. took an oath that he will read at Wells or cause to be read a lecture in theology, vel in decretis, at the times when a lecture of this kind is given in the University of Oxford, in accordance with the Bp's directions.

fol. 201. Summons to William de Littleton, the Precentor, to a general chapter to consider the incroachments on their rights, and the state of the fabric A.D. 1338.

Roger de Mortuo Mari Archdn: of Wells to the Dean of Frome. Certain men have violated the sequestration of Chywton Church which is claimed by the Abbey of Jumieges, but is sequestered on the petition of the D. & C. Cause these men to be cited peremptorily to appear before us on a certain day in the Cathedral, to answer to the D. & C. for this violation. A.D. 1338.

fol. 201 in dors. Revocation of a commission given to Gilbert de Shepton, rector of Crych, by the tenant of North Cory in a question about ecclesiastical jurisdiction. A.D. 1338.

Similiter.

Richard de Thystelton, Treasurer; and Walter de Hull, Subdean, to John, vicar of North Cory, and W. de Lavelye, vicar in Wells, concerning certain scandals at North Cory.

Walter le Eyr, Adam le Eyr, Robert le Spycer, and John Jolyf, of Sowy, together with certain accomplices, in Feb., A.D. 1337, assaulted Robert Gyan, a clerk, knowing that he was a clerk, "et in possessione clericatus," in the presence of William de Littleton the Precentor, Robert de Baldok and John de Wamberg, Canons, and many more clerks and laymen, in contempt of God, the Church, yea even of humanity, and to the peril of their souls through the excommunication pronounced by a canon on the occasion.

All this being notorious, the offenders are to be cited to appear and answer for their conduct before the D. & C. on a day to be appointed. April 6, A.D. 1338.

fol. 202. The Chapter to the King in answer to a command brought to them by Robert de Wyvill, to deliver up the 100 marcs bequeathed by Bp. W. de Marchia. It is no longer in their hands. They send Canon Henry de Carleton to explain. Jan. 28.

Mem. John de Middleton, vicar, sought leave of the Chapter, that Hugh de Alresford might live with him. Granted on condition that his present associate William de Walton suffers no loss by the change. A.D. 1340. Names of those in Chapter given.

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Charter of Bp. Josceline granting the Church of Congresbury and some land to the cathedral.
Given at Congresbury on the Feast of the Transl. of S. Benedict A.D. 1218.

Letting of the house in Wells, given in former times by Canon William de Pulton. A.D. 1340. fol. 202 in dors.

Concerning the same property, which had been left to the Church before the Statute of Mortmain. A.D. 1340.

Concerning the same. fol. 203.

The Canons' Grange let for £80 a year. A.D. 1347.

Upon the petition of John Canestoke, vicar of Modeford, the D. & C. grant him certain tithes in augmentation of his income, viz., Rents on houses and gardens on the S. side of the church; the tithes of the fulling and water mills, vineyards, warrens, gardens, pastures, woods, within a certain distance of the church: the tithe of the young of all cows, mares, geese, hens, pigs, bees, goats, doves, geese, swans, peacocks, and of all other animals; saving to the D. & C. the tithe on the corn. A.D. 1340. fol. 203 in dors.

The D. & C. summon John Abbe of North Cory parish to answer for his having appropriated all the tithes of Lillesdon and Mere for the year A.D. 1337, estimated at £20. The said John is a notorious enemy. Because the amount of the said tithes do not form a fourth part of the goods of the parish church we cannot proceed against the said John . . . in "foro ecclesie per viam notorii, ex officio nos velle procedere protestamus." The D. & C. therefore command their officials, Canon Robert de Baldok, and William de Lanelee, vicar in Wells, that if they can find him, and approach him with safety they are to serve him with a citation in person, if not then to serve it at his domicile in the parish, if this cannot be done with safety, then it may be published in the parish church, if this is not safe then in the Cathedral at Wells, according to the constitutions of the Archbp. and Bps. "zelari oporteat, &c." lately put forth, &c. March 13, 1338. fol. 204.

Similiter.

The assault upon Robert Gyan at North Cory, as on fol. 201 in dors. fol. 204 in dors.

Commission to inquire into the matter.

The office of Prepositus. fol. 205.

A.D. 1340. Oct. 23 in the Bp.'s chapel at Evercrich and in his presence, and before the undersigned notary Stephen Trippe, John de S. Paul, prepositus by exchange with Alan de Conesboregh, took the oath of his office. The oath. Test. John de Carleton, Walter de Hull, John de Wamberg, Canons; and John de Middleton, Rector of Bleadon; John de Kylehurst, and Stephen Tripp, notaries. fol. 205 in dors.

Recitation of the orders made by Bp. Josceline, by which he united the two prepositurae, one of Cumbe Manor and Church with the Churches of Cerde and Welyngton, the other of the Manor and Church of Wynesham.

A very humble petition from the D. & C. to the Pope that he will provide for John de Carleton, the most famous professor of Civil Law. A.D. 1340. fol. 206.

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The D. & C. to the Earl of Cornwall, guardian of England, about the 100 marcs left by Bp. William. Dec. 3, A.D. 1340.

fol. 206 in dors. The King concerning the grant made by the Parliament at Westminster of the 9th sheaf, the 9th skin, and the 9th lamb for the expenses of the foreign war, to the assessors and vendors of them in the county of Somerset.

The D. & C. have complained that these are exacted, though they have paid the biennale tithe, and ought therefore to be exempt. Let them be so.

Given by T. custos at Walynford, Nov. 15, Anno regni Anglie 14°, regni vero nostri ffrancie primo.

Letter of credence from the D. & C. to the Bp. for two of the Canons.

fol. 207. The D. & C. appoint proctors to appear before Bernard Systre papal nuncio in England and answer to the claim to the 100 marcs left by Bp. William, put forward by Robert Urry. Feb. 12, A.D. 1340.

Request by the prepositus for a conference with the Chapter. Written at Berkhampstead, March 11, A.D. 1340.

fol. 207 in dors. A commission appointed by the D. & C. to inquire into irregularities, &c. at Combe and Wynesham. A.D. 1340.

Statement about the firm of Lovinton and Modiford. A.D. 1341.

Allotment of a Canon's House at Torregate. A.D. 1342.

fol. 208. Copy of the decision given by William de Balatto, Archdn. papal pro-nuncio in England and collector of legacies and aids for the Holy Land, May 6, A.D. 1313, in the presence of Walter de Haselshaw, proctor for the D. & C. of Wells, viz., that the D. & C. are to pay the 100 marcs of Bp. William's legacy to Robert Urry the Bp.'s nephew; under penalty of excommunication.

Bernard Systre, papal nuntio, to the official of B. & W. diocese. Inasmuch as the D. & C. of Wells have not complied with the order to pay the 100 marcs to Robert Urry, nephew of John de Marchia, to whom it was entrusted for the service of the Holy Land by his brother Bp. William, they are to be warned thrice to pay it within one month.

Given in London, Jan. 9, A.D. 1340.

fol. 208 in dors. Order by Bernard Systre. The proctor of the D. & C. of Wells had not put in an appearance within the appointed time, but not desiring to deal rigorously, we extend the time until the first hour of the Wednesday following. March 14, A.D. 1340.

fol. 209. The answer put in by Nicholas de Bath, proctor for the D. & C. The decree was that the said 100 marcs were to be paid to the said Robert Urry if they were not expended on the next expedition to the Holy Land. The time therefore for the payment has not yet come.

Asks for costs against Robert Urry.

Further argument in the same case.

fol. 209 in dors. Procuratorial letters to William de Nyweton. A.D. 1341.

Charter of William de Arderne, recognizing the D. & C. right to common pasturage at Hywish in Lovington, of which he is the lord, A.D. 1342.

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The name of William de Arderne inscribed by the D. & C. in the Martyrology among the Church's benefactors. A.D. 1341.

The Bp's. official to the Dean of Yvelcestre, directing him, on the petition of the D. & C., to cite Peter de Cota, Rector of Cyselberge, to appear at Wells, and answer for having appropriated to himself the two thirds of the vacant benefice of Exton, which belong of right to the D. & C. A.D. 1341. fol. 210.

A similar citation sent to Robert Hereward, Archdn. of Tauton, to answer for the proceeds of all the benefices which have been vacant in his Archdeaconry.

Another citation to Peter de Cote.

Proceedings in the Consistorial Court at Wells against Thomas vicar of Welyngton for appropriating to himself the fruits of Badyalton Church during a vacancy; worth £10. fol. 210 in dors.

Allotment of a Canon's House. A.D. 1341.

The Chapter send John Coker to beg for a general obit throughout the country and desire that he may be received hospitably. A.D. 1342. June 1. fol. 211.

Inspex: and Conf: by the D. & C. of a Confirmation by Bp. Ralph, of a grant of small tithes [all specified] at Pilton, made to the vicar William Atte Boxe, by William de Carleton, the Precentor. A.D. 1343.

The Chapter summoned by the Official of Canterbury, to give evidence in the Court of Arches about the prepositura of Combe, as to which the prepositus John de S. Paulo, complains that the Bp. Ralph will not interpret the meaning of an ordinance already made. A.D. 1342. fol. 211 in dors.

The D. & C. answer that they have searched their registers and cannot find any evidence which may help to make an interpretation other than that which they have already sent. They do not remember that any prepositus held a prebend before Robert de Haselshaw who had Wyvelescumb. Alan de Conesbergh who came after him had none. When Robert de Tanton was associated with Allan, he held the prebend of Wyvelescumb, but he died during the course of a law suit with the said Alan. They know no more. fol. 212.

Conf: by the Chapter of a grant in villainage made by the Dean to Bertram de Dombolton of land in the moor of Calonga. Jan. 15. 13 E. III.

The D. & C. appoint Hereward the Archdn: of Tanton, to receive for them the proceeds of the vacant benefice of ffytinton, "in grangiis severreis prefata ecclesie . . . in scuario et infra scuarium ejusdem repositi," &c. fol. 212 in dors.

A similar entry. A.D. 1341.

Inspex: and Conf: by the D. & C. of a grant of lands &c. in Wells, made by the Bp. A.D. 1335.

Order made by the Bp. of Worcester with the consent of the D. & C. of Wells about houses, lands, dove-cote, &c. attached to the Vicarage of Pokeleschirch, and about the tithes. If arable land is turned into pasture, or the reverse, it shall still pay tithe as before. fol. 213. fol. 213 in dors.

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The allowances given on S. Martin's Day.

To the Treasurer—Four white loaves. Four pieces (pecias) of raw meat. Two sextars of beer.

"Et inveniet unam candelam cere vel unam libram cere."

The Bp's. ballivus—Four white loaves. One fair piece of flesh. Two sextars of beer.

The Sacrist who carries the aforesaid candle, or wax, two shoulders [spatulæ] of mutton.

The Berebrette, two white and two black loaves, four pieces of flesh, and one sextar of beer.

fol. 214. The Prepositus forinsecus, and the Parcarius, each the same as the last.

Two Seminatores or 8 Seminatores, four white, four black loaves, and two sextars of beer.

Four Carucarii, each the same as the Berebrette.

Two Haywards scil, Two Forestarii, each as the last.

The Venatores (not stated how many) twice as much as the last.

Molendinarius the same as the Berebrette.

Faber pro croco, sive unco, the same, "Si crocum sive uncum det."

Prepositus burgi, the same.

Catchpollus, the same, et inveniet duas cufas ad cervisiem imponend et unam Sextariam.

The Hundreman, one white, four black loaves, eight pieces of flesh, one meribon, one cheese, and two sextars of beer.

The Multarius, two white and two black loaves, four small pieces (frusta) of flesh, and one sextar of beer.

Corn received on the same day, i.e. Martin's wheat.

De feodo Epi de Eston duas minas frumenti bene excussatas et cumulatas, una curia et unus prepositus.

De feodo fratrum de Eston unam minam ut supra.

De f. dn^{i} Philippi de Milton tam apud Eston quam ibidem, Septem et dimid. minas frumenti, una curia, unus Wodewardus, et unus prepositus.

De f. Ivonis Deneband duas et dimid minas, una curia et unus prepositus.

De f. de Wormestorre quatuor et dimid minas, unus prepositus, unus serviens sicut pro uno magistro duobus carucis sicut pro unâ minâ.

De f. de Dynre duas minas et dimid, unus prepositus et nulla apud Westnuton.

De f. de Est Hornyngdon duas minas, una curia, et prepositus.

De f. dn^{i} Ep^{i} de West Hornyngdon unam minam.

De f. dn^{i} Ricard. Berihale unam minam.

De f. Will^{i} de Wellesleye duas partes unius minæ.

De f. Henrici tertiam partem unius minæ, nulla curia, nullus prepositus.

Hec est liberatio que debetur pro qualibet mina frumenti, viz., unus panis albus et quatuor nigri, octo pecie carnis, unum meribon, unus caseus parvus et due sextarie cevisie.

fol. 214 in dors. De feodo de Est Harpetre octo mine avenarum duo preposit, due curie.

De f. de West Harpetre septem avenarum due curie, unus prepositus.

Et notum quod pro singulis minis avenarum dabitur unus panis albus et quatuor nigri, novem pecie carnis, unus caseus . . . bone cum . . . et due sextar cervisie.

Item singulis curiis . . . duabus curiis de Est Harpetre, novem panes albi, novem nigri, octodecim pecie carnis et sex sextarie cervisie.

Item duabus curiis de West Harpetre, the same.

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Prepositus ibidem habebit unum panem album et quatuor nigros.
Due curie ibidem sicut supradictum est de aliis curiis.
The Sacristan of S. Cuthbert's Church the same as the Berebrette.
At Pridie, nine men receive nine white loaves, and . . . . of them one white and one black loaf for collecting the Tithe.
At Hope and Hadesdon seven men receive as above, and the same as above for the Tithe collection.
At Whitenhull five men as above.
At Hakedone four men as above.
Note. Each loaf shall weigh xx^{s}.

Order of Bp. Josceline. The Church of Weston near Worle to pay 100 lbs. of wax to the Treasurer of Wells. A.D. 1234.

The Statutes of Dean Walter de Haselshaw agreed to at a general convocation on the morrow of S. Andrew. A.D. 1298. fol. 215–219 in dors.
Printed in "Wells Cathedral, its Foundation, &c.," p. 59, by H. E. Reynolds.

The Ordinale to be corrected and emended and then "illud et Martylogium dupplicentur propter pericula que poterunt evenire." fol. 219 in dors.
In order to remove all reason for discord in the singing, the Antiphonaria, Gradualia, and Troperia are in the like manner to be revised.
In order that the Escheator of the Chapter may not plead ignorance of the minimum price at which he may sell the proceeds of benefices during the first year after the death of a canon the following valuation of the prebends is given.
Wedmore £40. Milverton 50 marcs. Ayshull 22 m. Cumpton £20. Yatton 50 marcs. Hengestrigg 25 m. Haselbergh 20 m. Wandestreu 10 m. Eston 20 m. Ilton 26 m. Wyvelescumb 40 m. Dunden 20 m. Hywis and Brente £40. S. Decuman's 50 m. Wytlakyngton 10 m. Wytechurch 20 m. Cuddeworth 10 m. Lutton 25 m. Harpetree 20 m. Dultingcote 20 m. Wormesterre 16 m. Bocland £10. Tymbercumb 8 m. Werministre 20 m. Dynre 8 m. Barton 12 m. Holecumb 4 m. Meaudeford 20 m. fol. 220.
Mem. The proceeds are never to be sold for less than the above, for more if possible.

Item. Inasmuch as it is laid down by the Council of Maguntum that the holders of ecclesiastical benefices, ought to help in the repairs of the roofs (tecta) of their churches, and of the churches themselves, it is ordered that all canons contribute one tenth of their benefices for five years for the repair of the Cathedral. fol. 221

The above statutes to be interpreted if necessary by the D. & C. Given on Wednesday, the morrow of S. Matthias. A.D. 1289.
At the same time the Dean publicly cited John de Charlton; John de Schrivenham; John de S. Edwards; John de Congresbury; Jordan de Watenye; William de Westbyrie; to appear within 15 days and come into continuous residence, and to undergo the penalty incurred by their long absence.

Confirmation of Magna Carta by Edward I. in the 25 year of his reign. fol. 223.
A few verbal differences from the copy printed in "Select Charters," I. 484. fol. 223 in dors.

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fol. 224. A copy of the guarantee given by the King's son as lieutenant in England to Humfrey de Boun, Earl of Hereford, Roger Bygot, Earl of Norfolk, John de Ferer and all their party.

fol. 224–226 in dors. A copy of Magna Carta as confirmed by H. III. in his second year, for the most part the same as the Copy of the Charter printed in "Select Charters," p. 330.

In the names of the Councillors at the beginning, that of Gualo is omitted, but W. Archbp. of York is added. All the other names are omitted except that of William Mareschall Earl of Pembroke, and there is added after his name "rectoris nostri et regni nostri."

The 18 Article of John's Charter, becomes here "fuerimus; capitales justiciarii nostri mittent justiciarios per unumquemque comitatum semel in anno, qui cum militibus comitatus capiant in comitatu assisas predictas. Et illa que in illo adventu suo in comitatu per justiciarios illos ad dictas assisas capiendas missos per eosdem terminentur alibi in itinere suo; et ea que propter difficultatem aliquorum articulorum terminari non possunt referantur ad justiciaros de Banco et ibi terminentur." Compare "Select Charters," p. 335.

The 19 Article inserted in "Select Charters," p. 332, is omitted here. The 27 Article of John omitted in S.C. is inserted here.

The 28th runs "alicujus, qui non sit de villa ubi castrum situm est, nisi statim inde reddat denarios aut respectum inde habere possit per voluntatem venditoris, si autem de villa illa fuerit infra XL dies pretium reddat."

The 30 is the same as in S.C. p. 332.

In the 38th the words "nec ad juramentum" are added.

In the 41st "malis" is omited before "toltis."

42 is omitted.

At the end of Article 43 there is added "nec occasione talis baronie vel escheate, habebimus eschaetam vel custodiam aliquorum hominum nostrorum nisi alibi tenuerit de nobis in capite ille qui tenuerit baroniam vel eschaetam."

Next there follows the Article against alienation of land as in S.C. p. 337, No. 39. Next the Article about the patronage of Abbeys; and the Article No. 54 of John's Charter. S.C. p. 295.

The rest of the document is the same as that printed in S.C., pp. 337, 338, as far as the words "statim diruantur." Then there follows "Pro hâc autem donatione et concessione libertatum, et aliarum contentarum in cartâ nostrâ de libertatibus foreste, Archiepiscopi, Episcopi, Abbates, Priores, Comites, Barones, Milites, et Libere tenentes, et omnes de regno nostro, dederunt nobis quintam decimam partem bonorum suorum mobilium. Testibus prenominatis et multis aliis. Quia vero sigillum non habemus presentem cartam sigillo venerabilis patris G. Thes'. S. Martini presbyteri cardinalis et Apostolice Sedis legati, et Submarescalli comitis de Penebroke, rectoris nostri et regni, fecimus sigillari. Testibus predictis et multis aliis."

"Datum per manum venerabilis patris nostri R. Dunelm Episcopi, Cancellarii nostri apud Sanctum Paulum, Londoniis VI. die Novembris, anno regni nostri secundo.

"Defunctorum autem de supellectilibus, que ibi invenit pro voluntate sua disponet, hoc excipit quod bancos, tripodes, mortaria, de domo non amovebit sed suo relinquent successori . . . ibi sic solo cedet."

fol. 226 in dors–228. The Charter of the Forests. Confirmed by H. III.

The copy the same as that printed in S.C. p. 339 as far as the sentence ending "erga suos" in the final clause. Then there follows "pro

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hac autem donatione et concessione, libertatum ipsarum et aliarum contentarum in Magna Carta nostra de aliis libertatibus, Archiepi, &c." have given the 15th as in the last.

Concessimus et eisdem pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod nec nos nec heredes nostri aliquid percontriremur per quod libertates in hac cartâ contente infringantur vel infirmentur. Et si ab aliquo aliquid contra hoc fuerit percontrisitum nihil valeat, et pro nullo habeatur. Hiis testibus predictis.

Sententia lata in transgressores cartarum predictarum.

A.D. 1253, Id. Maii, in Majori Aulâ Westm̄., &c. as printed S.C. p. 364. Except that this copy has "R" and not "H" comitis Oxon.; and "N" not "W." Ep. Norwic.

A copy of the Statutes of Merton. fol. 228 in dors–fol. 230.

A copy of the Statutes of Windsor. May 9, anno regni nostri 44° fol. 230.
De anno bissextili, "dies ille et dies proxima precedens pro uno die computetur."

A copy of the Statutes of Kenyngworth. fol. 230–232.

A copy of the Statutes of Marleburg. fol. 232–235.

A copy of the Statutes of Westminster. 3 E. I. fol. 235–238 in dors.

A list of the ornaments of the Chantry at S. Martin's Altar in the Cathedral, established on behalf of the late Bp. Ralph, and John de Somerton formerly Abbot of Muchelnye, when a visitation was made by the Bp's. official on April 9, A.D. 1377. fol. 238 in dors.

William Purchas is the perpetual presbyter.

"Unum missale notatum. Unum calicem bonum altrincece deauratum. Tria paria vestimentorum cum totidem apparatibus.

Tria paria corporalium cum tribus casis de serico contextis. Tria paria tuellarum pro altare. Duo manutergia. Due fiole. Unum Candelabrum de stanno (or stagno). Unam pyxidem pro eucaristia de panno serico circumtextam, et alium pyxidem de ligno pro pane imponendo. Unam tabulam osculatoriam depictam; et unam cofferam seratam ferro ligatam, pro dictis ornamentatis conservandis.

A copy of this inventory is to be kept by the priest.

July 9, A.D. 1380. John Silvester alias Godeford inducted by William Camel the Precentor, "et tunc presidens ecclesie," into the canonry and stall, &c. of Cumbe. fol. 239.

Canon William de Camera, because there is no canon's house vacant asks of the Chapter, decano absente, leave to keep his residence "in hospitio Margarete Moners ad hoc conducto et reservato, per mensem."

Formal resignation of his office of vicar in the cathedral made by John de Wyke, Rector of Bowrclere, Winton diocese, on the condition that if he loses Bowrclere, not for any fault of his own, he may reclaim the office of vicar. A.D. 1383. fol. 239 in dors.

Bp. John allots a chamber in the New Vicar's Close to W. Camel. Given at Woky. A.D. 1382.

Charter of Edward III. concerning the privileges of the Bishop, upon the report made to him by a commission appointed to examine into certain claims to jurisdiction, &c. made by Bp. Ralph. fol. 240–243.

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The Commissioners were Hugh de Courtenye, Earl of Devon; Thomas de Berkele; William de Shareshull; Simon de fforneaux, and William de Chiltenham.

fol. 241. The points in question are the Bp's. right to his Courts Leet and Baron. To hold four fairs annually. Four of the Commissioners are to inquire into a charge against certain men (named) of having assaulted the Bp's. officers. The assize to be held at Batheneston. The riots had arisen on distresses levied for claims made on account of the Bp's Courts and Fairs in Wells.

fol. 242 in dors. £3000 damages given to the Bp.

fol. 243. Compared with the original in the Chancellery of the King. Anno regni regis, Edwardi 17°. Nov. 8.

fol. 243 in dors. Charter of Edward III. to Ralph "nuper Ep°" for the recovery of the £3000.

fol. 244. Enumeration of the privileges of the Mayor and Burgesses of Wells. They are to appear in the Chancellery, and show cause why their Charter should not be taken from them.

Given at Stanford, teste me ipso, Nov. 16, anno regni nostri, 15°.

fol. 245. The answer of the burgesses.

fol. 246. The sentence. The Charter of the city is annulled because it conflicts with the rights of the King, and of the Bishop.

fol. 246 in dors. Given at Westminster, teste me ipso, Nov. 20, anno regni 17°, anno regni vero nostri Francie 4°.

Bond of the City of Wells to pay to the D. & C. 20 dolia boni vini 10 E. III.

A short entry of three lines. Very faint.

fol. 247. At a Chapter held Sept. 18, A.D. 1360, with William Camel the Sub-dean as president, and in the presence of almost all the vicars, the vicars are called upon to say according to their oaths whether Stephen fferrors who has served as a vicar for more than a year on trial ought to be confirmed in the office. After consultation they answer that "in scientiâ cantus et lecture fore habilem, sed quoad mores . . . taliter se gessit . . . quod totaliter esset repellendus." Inasmuch therefore as the statutes say nothing about proficiency in singing, &c., but speak only of the mores of probationers, the said Stephen is ordered to give up his vicar's garment "et quod alibi sibi provideret."

On Sept. 17. Another probationer had been confirmed.

The names of canons present at both these Chapters are given.

The Chapter to the Dean, desiring him not to send an answer to certain letters from the King until his return to Wells. Nov. 22.

Nov. 30. John Wodenham admitted to the vicarage of the prebend of Tanton on the presentation of Adam Trewelove the prebendary. A.D. 1360.

Dec. 3. John Benet made sacrist.

fol. 247 in dors. Blank.

fol. 248. Summons to a Chapter for the election of a Dean in the place of John de Carleton deceased. Both Deanery and Sub-deanery are vacant.

Licence given for the election by Bp. Ralph.
Given at Wiveliscombe, Sept. 6, A.D. 1361.

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Presentation by Bp. Ralph of William de Camel, rector of Pokeleschurch to a canonry, vacant by the resignation of Edmund Gournay. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.
Both the Deanery and Subdeanery are vacant.
Given at Wiveliscombe, Aug. 23, A.D. 1361.

Edmund Gournay the Precentor collated by Bp. Ralph to the prebend of Wormynisterre, vacant by the death of Richard de Rodenye. Aug. 23, A.D. 1361.

A similar collation of John de Pulle, rector of Hemynton to the prebend of Wedmore 5th, vacant by the resignation of William de Camel. fol. 248 in dors.
Given at Wiveliscombe, Sept. 1, A.D. 1361.

Walter de Aldebury, rector of Honespulle, collated to the prebend of Combe 14th, vacant by the death of Pontius de Verreriro. Aug. 23, A.D. 1361.

The King to the Chapter.
Recommends William de Loughteburgh to them for the Deanery.
Written at the Abbey of Beaulieu, Sept. 6.

The Chapter to the King.
They are bound to elect a man who will be profitable to the Church, and they have already chosen one whom in their conscience they believe to be a fit and proper person. Sept. 28.

Collation of William Whyte, acolyte, to the vicarage of the prebend of Wermynistre. fol. 249.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Sept. 14, A.D. 1361.

John de Horsyngton the Chancellor, and president of the Chapter, summons the Chapter for the election of a Dean, in the place of John de Carleton.

Appointment of his vicar by John Beneyt, prebendary of Combe. Sept. 10, A.D. 1361.

Similar appointment by Canon Robert at Sloo.

A fresh summons to the Chapter for the purpose of electing a Dean, William de Camel who was chosen having refused the dignity. fol. 249 in dors.

Installation to the prebend of Dultingcote, vacant by the death of Nicholas de Drokensford.

Two Memds about the coming election of a Dean.

Collation to the Vicarage of Westbury of Robert de Edyngton. fol. 250.
Given at Wiveliscambe, Nov. 5, A.D. 1361.

John de Horsyngton, and the C. appoint two of their number to present the newly elected Dean, Stephen Pympel. Nov. 3, A.D. 1361.

Presentation of the Dean Elect to the Bishop.

Presentation to the vicarage of Wedmore of John Browning by Dean S. Pympel, Dec. 15, 1361.

The Chapter to the Bishop. fol. 250 in dors.
Formal notice of the election of S. Pympel. Nov. 4.

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Collation of Nicholas Colston to the vicarage of Hengestridge vacant by the death of Ralph Tomer.

Given at Wyveliscomb, Nov. 11, A.D. 1361.

An illegible entry, apparently about some firma.

fol. 251. Simon Archbp. Cant. to Canon Robert de Netelton, of Wells, his official and custodian of the spiritualities of the See of B. & W. during vacancy.

The Chapter of Bath have petitioned against a sentence of excommunication pronounced against them by the prebendary of Chiw, as official, for refusing to send to Wells the formal notice of the election of Walter de Monyngton, Abbot of Glaston, to be Bishop of B. & W., which had lately been made by the Chapter of Wells. The sentence is to be annulled forthwith, and the author cited to the Consistory Court in Wells.

fol. 251 in dors. Given at Chringg, Jan. 9, A.D. 1363.

Resignation of a Vicar.

fol. 252. Petition by the Chapter of Wells to Pope Urban for confirmation of their election of Stephen Pempel.

Agreement made between the D. & C. and Hugh de Remyngton and Matilda his wife, with regard to a rent of 16 shillings bequeathed by Radulph de Lullington for distribution every year among the poor by the Cathedral Communarius, and charged upon certain houses "juxta occidentalem scaleram cimiterii Ecclesiæ Wellen," &c. A.D. 1362 or 5.

fol. 252 in dors. Manumission by the Chapter, in the absence of the Dean, of John Chamber, nativus. A.D. 1364.

Similar manumission of William Chamber.

Indenture concerning a tenement in Tor Lane. A.D. 1364.

fol. 253. Indenture between the Chapter, the Dean being absent in remotis, and William Wynesford, lathamus, concerning a tenement in Byest Walls.

Grant to him also of a pension of 40 shillings a year for life, and for each day that he shall be in the city of Wells and engaged upon the fabric of the Church 6 pence. William undertakes to be "bonus et fidelis servitor ad superintendendam fabricam," &c. Feb. 1, A.D. 1364.

Presentation by the Chapter to a Cantaria ad Altare S. Crucis. A.D. 1365.

Letter of the Chapter of general recommendation for Richard Holebroke whom they have appointed to be their "cursor generalis" in the provinces of Canterbury and York.

Presentation by the Chapter of R. de B. to the Vicarage of Burnham. A.D. 1364.

Convocatio, Sept. 26, A.D. 1365. Present, the Dean, William Cammel the Precentor, John de Horsington the Chancellor, and many others.

It was ordered

1. that the fruits of the Deanery during the late vacancy be demanded from those from whom they are due.

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2. that an examination be made as to the amount due on the pension payable by Berlych Priory.

3. that the arrears of Worspring pension be remitted, but full payment be demanded for the future.

4. that the Dean have a personal interview with the Archdeacons of Wells and Tanton upon the subject of the two thirds of vacant benefices due to the Cathedral.

5. that the Dean has promised to speak himself to our Attorney in the King's Court, and warn him that unless he attend to our business better, another will be appointed in his place.

6. that Robert Dunyngton, Exor. of Thomas Avebury, see the Dean and account for the pension due from the Church of Norton sub Hamedon during the time that it was held by the said Thomas. fol. 253 in dors.

7. that the Rector of West Ludeford, in the Dean's jurisdiction, be summoned before the Dean to answer for the retention of the pension due from that Church.

8. that the firm of Bidesham be inquired into.

9. that it be asked of John atte Ya firmarius of Okehampton why he keeps back 6d of the rent.

10. that a chest [pixis] be placed at the tomb of Bp. Ralph with two locks and keys, one to be kept by J. Lumbard, the other by R. Brere, and that the oblations gathered in it be placed in a similar chest with similar precautions, in the Treasury. The proceeds to be spent by the D. & C. upon a frontal for the high altar, and the residue as they may think fit.

11. that the Seneschal have one key of the chests placed for the reception of offerings of the fabric.

12. that the Precentor and the Communarius have each one key of the chest which contains the common fund.

13. that the house in Tor Lane, lately occupied by Hugh de Monyngton, be offered to the Canons in turn.

14. that the Dean consider the subject of the repairs of Knapp Mill, and the appropriation of certain houses which support two obits.

15. William de Odecumbe to pay 2 shillings "caweti" and 6 shillings de Cantu de Milton to the communarius.

16. The Communarius to pay for the repairs of the school.

17. that the Messor of Cory "corrigatur per seneschal, et quod veniat coram domino Decano respondere."

18. that the sub-treasurer have the offerings made at the Cross in the Chapel of the Blessed Mary for one year for 6*s.* 8*d.* and that he shall declare upon oath at the end of the year how much he has received.

19. that £100 of the monies received during this year from the Church's Manors be allotted "ad instaurandum Manerium de Cory cum vaccis et porcis."

20. that an inquiry be made about the foss between the lands of the Earl of Sarum, and the Church's lands at Cory.

21. that Walter de Cory shall pay for his offence in carrying away oak trees out of the park of Stoke 6*s.* 8*d.* to the use of the fabric, and shall appear at the next Court holden at Cory, and give security to the amount of seven marcs to be paid "in casu quod se male gerit." The Dean is to warn him that he behave himself well, "sub pena excommunicatonis primo, secundo, et tertio, et in virtute juramenti sui, alias in hac parte &c." To this Walter assents. fol. 254.

22. that the exors. of the late Bp. are ready to pay his legacy of £10 to the Cathedral and to give a new cross, or the value of the old one which the Bp. received from the Church ex accommodato.

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23. that the common pastures be not allowed to the tenants of Hamme until the King's Charter about Cory has been received, and the matter has been further considered.

24. that John Aunger deal as quickly as possible with Richard, for the redemption of the wardship of the son and heir of Lawrence de Combe.

25. that the Chantry of John de Godele be for the future celebrated according to the rules of that chantry.

26. that Ralph de Carleton, the chaplain, be called upon to answer for a chalice and missal missing from the altar of the Holy Cross.

Confirmation by Bp. John Barnet of certain agreements made between Bp. Ralph and Robert de Cheddre.

Installation of three Prebendaries.

fol. 254 in dors

A chantry and obit established by the D. & C. on behalf of the soul of Walter de Compton a burgess of Wells, in acknowledgment of his good deeds, and legacy to the Church.

fol. 255.

Nov. 5, A.D. 1369. An audit before Dean Stephen and the Chapter. Canon Robert Samborne was chosen seneschal.

John Waryn was appointed to supervise John Hulle the master of the works of the fabric, and his workmen, and to attend to the fabric accounts.

On Nov. 7 the burial place which he had chosen was granted to William the Precentor.

On Nov. 6 Thomas Surteys, vicar, was chosen communarius with John Tyntenylle, vicar, as his assistant.

It was ordered that any canon residentiary, when sent abroad [missus ad extra] on the business of the Church, should receive only the quotidians for their expenses "cum allocatione dierum pro tempore quo fuerint extra, absque pluri, et idem de canonico in dignitate."

On Feb. 21, A.D. 1369, Dean Stephen inducted Walter Boketon, Canon of Chichester into possession of the prebendal stall of the Archdeaconry of Wells as proctor of Symon, Cardinal presbyter of S. Sextus, to whom it was given by the provision of Pope Urban.

Induction of Thomas Port, D.L., and Roger Holme to a prebend, and to the office of prepositus.

fol. 255 in dors.

Computus of Nicholas de Pontesbury and Thomas Bockyng custodians of the receipts at Bp. Ralph's tomb, from the day of their appointment to March 1, A.D. 1368.

£88 2*s.* 8*d.* received by them from John Lombard, and Richard Brere, custodians of the chest from the day of their appointment to the Feast of S. Callixtus A.D. 1366 per unam talliam. £15 2*s.* 5*d.* from the said Feast until the Feast of Pentecost next following per unam talliam, and £148 17*s.* 0*d.* received of the said J. Lombard, William Cammel, Symon Ercheffont, and Richard Carleton, custodibus dicte pixidis diversimode deputatis, until the said last day of March, per talliam. Summa £252 2*s.* 1*d.*

Of which sum they paid to John Hulle, Master of the Works £34 4*s.* 5½*d.* per unam talliam, and £12 more per talliam, et eidem mutuo precept capituli £14 per talliam, et eidem £5 per talliam. Summa £65 4*s.* 5½*d.*

Et debent £186 17*s.* 7½*d.* Postea onerantur per auditores viz. . . de £74 12*s.* 0*d.* per talliam inventam inter predictas tallias per Johannem Wareyn et alios executores testamenti dn[i] Johannis Lombard

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scriptum contra Nich. Pontesbury et T. Bockyng de oblationibus provenientibus . . . . de annis 65 et 66, unde predicti Nich. et Thomas . . . non se onerant. Item onerantur per predictos auditores de £22 5*s.* 0*d.* receptis de Johanne Spaldyng, vicario S. Cuthberti, Wellen, prout predictus Bockyng fatebat se recepisse coram prefatis auditoribus. Item onerantur per eosdem de £30 receptis de Johanne Aunger. Et sic debent £313 14*s.* 7½*d.*, unde predicti computantes habent in auro et argento in thesauraria per testimonium supradictorum auditorum £186 18*s.* 9*d.* Et sic debent £126 15*s.* 10½*d.* E quibus libris Thomas Bockyng in auxilium pro campanis faciendis, unde idem Thomas est computaturus £9. Et sic debent de claro £117 15*s.* 10½*d.*

Mem. Quod dn^s Decanus manucepit in capitulo de £265 5*s.* 1*d.* ex istis in thesauraria, &c.

At a chapter [names are given] the auditors report "quod prefati receptores oblationum juste onerandi et responsuri . . . capitulo de tota pecunia contenta in tribus talliis factis per Johannem Lombard contra eosdem et pro eo precipue quod dictus T. Bockyng tam in presentia dictorum auditorum ad scaccarium quam in supradicto capitulo fatebatur dictas tres tallias manu sua propria fore scriptas, sed discit quod prima tallia onerata et talliata fuit in una tallia dictarum trium scriptarum sine data sic ut dicit onerandus non est nisi cum duabus talliis contra Johannem Lombard. fol. 256.

Item T. Bockyng in capitulo . . . . quod nullus vivens scivit de supradicta talliacione facta ab una tallia in aliam nisi ipse et unus de familiaribus suis.

Item ad scaaccarium . . . . N. Pontesbury dixit quod fuit presens in camera hospitii Willelmi Camel Precentoris, in confectione ejusdem bulle facte de oblationibus Ep^i per T. Bockyng inter ipsum et Thomam et W. Cammel Precentorem, et dictus Thomas e contrario dixit quod Nicholas non fuit presens in confectione.

Item. The auditors are to examine and settle the question.

Mem. Quod idem T. Bockying responsus est decano et cap. in 13*s.* 11¼*d.* et de 3*s.* 0¼*d.* stagni 1 libr. minus pretii £4 4*s.* 4*d.*, et de 16 petr. cupri ponderis quelibet petra 14 libr. et continet in toto 128 libr. cupri pretii £6 6*s.* 8*d.*, £7 0*s.* 2*d.* Et idem r' (? reus) est de i olla enea de dono Johannis Hulle, et de i lavatore de dono Johannis Tyntenhull.

Summa pecunie debite £11 18*s.* 5½*d.* et i olla et i lavatorius. Oneratus ultra cum £9 sibi liberatis per auditores suos in auxilium pro campanis faciendis prout patet in pede compoti Nich. Pontesbury, &c.

Bond for £100 from Hugh Tancy of North Cory to the D. & C. for expenses and damages at North Cory.

Appointment by the D. & C. of two proctors to represent them at a Parliament to be held at Westminster. Oct. 7, A.D. 1372. fol. 256 in dors.

Lease by the D. & C. of a house in Tor lane to Thomas de Schepton, Rector of Melles. He to repair and keep it in repair under a penalty of a fine of 20 marcs to the fabric of the Cathedral.

The said Thomas may not sub-let without leave. If the rent falls in arrear the D. & C. may re-enter at the end of one month. July 6, A.D. 1372. fol. 257.

Oct. 12, A.D. 1372. Formal deed "de reconciliatione Eccl^e Wellen sanguine pollute."

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fol. 257 in dors. The offenders Philip Ederslegh, and Richard Brere, vicar, undertake in the presence of the Chapter (whose names are given) to pay the expenses of this reconciliation. The money, £5, is lent by the communarius.

The chapel of S. Mary in the cemetery at North Cory lately held by John de Stanwegg is given by the D. & C. to William May. A.D. 1372.

John King and John Reny to pay £20 to the treasury.

fol. 258. Another copy of H. Tancy's bond.

Jan. 14. The Chapter give £10 to the Bp. "in auxilium cujusdam cissure per eum apud Redeclyve faciende. Ita tum quidem de cetero non trahatur in consequentiam."

On the same day the Seneschal is ordered to ride to North Cory to learn how and how far the tenants are injured by the new purchase of land.

The D. & C. appoint three proctors to represent them in the Convocation to be holden at S. Paul's on May 30, &c.
May 20, A.D. 1373.

fol. 258 in dors. Final concord made between certain men of North Cory concerning a mill and messuage. A.D. 1351 & 53.

fol. 259. On Oct. 1, A.D. 1375, the following paper was presented to the Chapter on behalf of the Dean.
Mem. that the Dean was in Wells until the morrow of the Translation of S. Thomas (erased), and afterwards remained in London on business connected with the rights of the Deanery and the Cathedral until the beginning of August, and was in London, and on his journey to Wells until the Feast of the Martyrdom of S. John Baptist, and has remained at Wells since then, except 6 days at Modeslegh.
The Chapter after deliberation allow him only the days that he was actually present in Wells, viz., 35.

On the same day the revenues of the vacant prebend of Wyveliscombe are let for £51 6*s.* 8*d.* for one year.

Presentation by the D. & C. to the Chantry of H. Husee.

Similiter. A.D. 1375.

fol. 259 in dors. Promise on oath made by John Horn, Rector of Weston-supra-Mare, in the presence of Bp. John Harewell, at Woky, to pay 100 lbs. of wax annually to the Cathedral as a pension. Oct. 1, A.D. 1375.

The solemn confirmation by the Bp. of the appointment of John Chynnok Abbot of Glastonbury, and the Abbot's profession of obedience, in the Bp.'s Chapel at Woky on August 12, A.D. 1375.

fol. 260. Certificate by Robert de Welisboro, notary, that the above ceremony was duly performed.

Roger of Gloucester appears before the Chapter and seeks for the office of Vicar of the prebendal stall of Luskevill promised to him by the Dean, subject to the approval of the Chapter. He is appointed on condition that he submits to examination "super organa," and stands among the other vicars as a probationer for 15 days. Oct. 13, A.D. 1375.

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Mem. that the Dean was in Wells until the morrow of the Translation of S. Thomas (erased) the Martyr, &c. As in the former statement about his residence.

Mem. That the Dean Stephen Penpel "devillavit versus London" on Thursday next before the Feast of S.S. Simon & Jude and returned on April 1.

Appointment by the Chapter, in the absence of the Dean, of Canon John Waryn to be Seneschal over all the Chapter manors, &c. Dec. 4, A.D. 1375. fol. 260 in dors.

Appointment by the Chapter of a proctor, and protest made by him in their names against the suit instituted with the consent of the Chapter by the Dean against the Bp., which has proved to be not for the advantage of the Church, but only for the personal advantage of the Dean. The litigation has proved tedious and injurious. fol. 261.

He also declares in the name of the Chapter that when the Dean shall keep his residence duly the Chapter will give to him as to any other dignitary his proper portion of the communia, but not otherwise.

The above is published in the Cathedral, and attested by notaries in due form. Jan. 6, A.D. 1375.

Order made by the Chapter for the repairs of a Canon's House on the East of the Canon's barn. fol. 261 in dors.

The firm of Burnham Church let by the Chapter to Canon Richard de Carleton, for life, at a rent of £41. The said Richard to build a new Grange and granary at the end of it within two years at his own expense, but with a grant of timber from Bykenalre. The Chapter will also find the reed for thatching, and allow £10 towards the cost, &c. A.D. 1375.

A commission appointed by the Chapter to inquire into the repairs, &c. needed at Stokegommer, and Bykenalre Chapel. Jan. 16, A.D. 1375. fol. 262.

A chantry establish for T. Bockyng on his own petition, and a burial place granted to him subtus magnum campanile, in front of the image of S. Andrew. In return for this he gives "unum preciosum gradale et unum calicem argenteum optime deauratum ponderis fere quadraginta solidorum." Dec. 8, A.D. 1375. fol. 262 in dors.

The firm of Stokegommer Church assigned by the Chapter to Canon T. Bockyng, who has duly kept his residence, for £26 13*s.* 4*d.* On the vigil of the Nativity A.D. 1375.

A canon's house allotted by the Chapter to Canon William Cokham. The Dean is said to be present at the Chapter, but this appears to be a mistake on the part of the scribe. Jan. 13, A.D. 1375.

The firm of Congresbury Church let to William de Cokham for £30 a year. Jan. 13, A.D. 1375. fol. 263.

The Dean is not present according to this entry.

The Chapter appoint Canon Thomas Spert to value and receive the two thirds of the autumn harvest of Wyveliscombe prebend which falls to them by the death of Canon Robert Carswell alias Craswell; the remaining third belongs to the exors. of the deceased. Jan. 30, A.D. 1376.

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The Chapter appoint Thomas Spert to be their representative in the Parliament to be holden in Hillary term at Westminster. Jan. 12, A.D. 1376.

fol. 263 in dors. They also appoint the same T. Spert to be their representative at a Council to be holden in S. Paul's on the morrow of the Purification.

The same day as the last. This is addressed to the Archbp. the former to the King.

fol. 264. Inspex. by the Chapter of a Charter of Bp. John, in which he in consideration of the poverty of the prepositus and brethren of Stoke sub Hamedon who are much weighed down by the expenses of hospitality and by losses among their cattle, for the sake also of composing the long-continued strife between them and the Vicar of Stoke about tithes, &c., and on the petition of the Lady Alice de Bello Campo, and with the consent of all who are concerned, consolidates the Rectory and the Vicarage, upon the decease or resignation of Thomas Horn the vicar. The brethren are to find a resident secular parish chaplain, or one of their own number to serve the chapel; and are to have the cure of souls.

They are also to pay annually 3*s*. 4*d*. to the Bp., and 3*s*. 4*d*. to the Chapter.

Given at Woky Oct. 1, A.D. 1375.

Confirmed by the Chapter Oct. 5.

The firm of Burnham Church let to R. de Carleton as above. A.D. 1375.

fol. 264 in dors. Indenture made between the Chapter and John Bokyngg, Vicar, and Prior of the Priory of the Chapel of S. Mary in the Cathedral, about a house in Chamberlain Street, next to one of which the rent is "duos torcios ad deserviendum in dicta capella in elevatione corporis Domini." A.D. 1376.

Indenture about the Canon's House let to Thomas de Shepton. A.D. 1372.

fol. 265. The Chapter appoint Thomas Spert to be their representative in the Parliament to be holden at Westminster in Michaelmas term.

Oct. 1, A.D. 1377.

The Chapter consent to an exchange between W. Mey priest of the Chapel of North Cory, and John Porter, rector of Olleworth [? Closworth].

A place for burial granted to Canon John Wareyn on the north side of the image of S. Mary by the entrance of the choir. A.D. 1377.

The chantry at the altar of Corpus Christi, under the Campanile, established on behalf of William de Welynton, late a canon, is vacant and is presented by the Chapter to John Seward. A.D. 1378.

John le Roper bequeaths to the D. & C. a rent on a house in Grope lane of 13*s*. 4*d*., for an obit on the Feast of S. Edmund.

fol. 265 in dors. Acceptance of the above legacy by the Chapter and recitation of the terms of the will.

The Dean is absent. July 12th, A.D. 1378.

fol. 266. Inspex. by the Chapter of an agreement made at Litton about a messuage there, by Richard Harewell, the prebendary of Litton.

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The exors. of the will of John le Roper carry out his intentions.

Allotment of a house in Tor lane by the Chapter.
The Dean is still absent. Sept. 10, A.D. 1378. fol. 266 in dors.

A dispute between two Canons, Edmund Salowe and Richard Spycer, is submitted to the arbitration of the Chapter, who decide that the said Richard should offer to the said Edmund 100 marcs, of which 20 are spent on a dolium of wine, and the rest is to remain in suspense.

Dean Stephen Pempel dies in the Deanery on Feb. 2, A.D. 1378, and was buried ("clam") secretly on the 3rd before S. Stephen's altar, in the presence of some of the canons and vicars, his servants and his more intimate friends. fol. 267.
The Chapter appoint two of the vicars to take possession of the Deanery and its revenues, for their own sakes and for that of creditors and legatees. Given on Thursday S. Blaise, A.D. 1378.

Canon E. Carleton appointed by the Chapter receiver of the revenues of the Deanery. Feb. 4, A.D. 1378. fol. 267 in dors.

Receipt given to the exors. of the late Dean Walter de London for £20 due from him to the Chapter. A.D. 1381.

Licence given by the Bp. in answer to the petition of the Chapter, to proceed to the election of a Dean. Given in London, Feb. 11, A.D. 1378.

The Chapter to the non-resident prebendaries [named] summoning them to the election which is to be held in the Chapter House on Feb. 22. fol. 268.

Summons by King Richard to the Bp. to be present at a Parliament at Northampton.
The Bp. is to summon the Chapters of Bath and of Wells, and the Archdeacons. The Prior, the Dean, and the Archdeacons are to appear in person, and the Chapters are each to appoint a representative. Given Aug. 21, anno regis quarto.

Process of election of the Dean. All the formalities recounted. fol. 268 in dors
After Mass at the High Altar [the names of those present are given]. fol. 269.
All the various documents, relating to the election are read aloud and sealed. fol. 269 in dors.
The Chapter unanimously choose John Fordham. fol. 270.
The Te Deum is sung, and a procession is made to the High Altar. fol. 270 in dors.
The election is then announced in public in the vulgar tongue.
The electors then return to the Chapter House and notify the election to the Dean elect.
Confirmation of the election is sought from the Bishop. fol. 271.

Certificate sent by the Bishop recounting the formalities observed in the election as above. fol. 271 in dors.

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A commission issued to inquire into the dilapidations of the houses and manors of the Deanery. Those of the manors come to £232 16*s.* 5*d.*, of the houses in Wells to £15 0*s.* 0*d.* fol. 273. fol. 273 in dors.

Summons to a Parliament to be held at Easter at Westminster addressed by the King, Richard, to the Bishop. The Dean of Wells, the Prior of Bath and the Archdeacons to appear in person; each of the Chapters fol. 274.

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of Bath and Wells to appoint one representative, and the clergy to appoint two.

Given at Westminster, Feb. 17, anno regni secundo.

Letter from the Bp. to the Chapter of Wells and to the Archdn. of Tanton.

The Archbp. has issued a summons for a convocation of the clergy to be held on May 9 in S. Paul's.

Abbots, Priors, Deans, Prepositi, Archdeacons, aliique ecclesiarum prelati, are to appear in person; but Colleges and Convents are to send each one representative, and the rest of the clergy of the diocese to send two.

fol. 274 in dors. Do you therefore make this known throughout your Archdeaconry, and order the clergy to appear by their proctors before us in the Chapel of S. Mary juxta claustrum for the purpose of chosing their two representatives, et transmittentes et consentiendos super expensas et salarias eorundem, ac subeundum condempnationem debitam in hac parte.

Given at Dogmersfield, April 8, A.D. 1379.

The Chapter appoint Thomas Spert to be their representative at the Convocation, summoned to consider matters concerning the realm and the Church. April 22, A.D. 1379.

The same Thomas Spert chosen for Parliament on the same day.

fol. 275. The Chapter to the Bishop begging for his goodwill in certain suits in which they are engaged at North Cory.

A similar very urgent appeal.

Presentation by the Chapter [the Dean is absent] of William Aylward to the Chantry at North Cory. A.D. 1379.

Instructions from the Chapter to their official at North Cory to institute the said W. Aylward.

fol. 275 in dors. Confirmation by the Bp. of the election of John Fordham and directions to the Chapter to institute him. March 9, A.D. 1379.

The Dean to the Chapter. A complimentary letter. Given at London, Oct. 31.

The Chapter to the Dean. Have sent John de Stourton to communicate with him on urgent business touching their Chapter, &c.

fol. 276. Summons to a Parliament at Easter, addressed by the King, Richard, to the Bishop, and through him to the clergy of the diocese.

Given at Westminster. Feb. 16. Anno regni regis secundo.

The Bishop's Mandate to the Chapter of Wells, and to the Archdeacon of Tanton in accordance with the above royal mandate.

fol. 276 in dors. Appointment by the Chapter (the Dean is absent) of a seneschal to supervise all their manors. Nov. 1, A.D. 1379.

Letter sent by Peter de Barton apparently from the Dean to the Chapter with reference to the repairs of Thomas de Schepton's house. London, Dec. 13.

fol. 277. Summons from the Archbp. to attend at a Synod to be holden in S. Paul's on Feb. 4, addressed to the Chapter, and appointment of Thomas Spert as their proctor, on Jan. 22. A.D. 1379.

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A small document inserted in which the King, Richard, gives the Treasury in the Cathedral Church of Wells, of which he is patron, to William Langbrook. Given at Westminster, March 6. Anno regni 12°.

fol. 277 in dors.

Commission issued by the Bp. to the Abbots of Mochelnye and Athelnye, the Prior of Tanton, the perpetual vicars of North Cory (Tanton?), Crick, and Lenge, and to my lords Thomas Newman, John Baryngton and Philip de Erdesleigh, vicars in the Cathedral, and Chaplains in the Chapel of Stoke and Westhache. Inasmuch as certain persons, unknown, have taken many fish in the river commonly called Tone, within the manor of North Cory, to the prejudice of the Chapter of Wells to whom it belongs, to the peril of their own souls, and to the encouragement of evil doers. Wherefore "vobis . . . mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos temeratores hujusmodi . . . . necnon eisdem prebentes auxilium . . . . in debitam majoris excommunicationis sententiam incidisse et ea ligatos fuisse et esse in monasteriis . . . capellis, &c., antedictis, singulis diebus dominicis et festis inter missarum solemnia cum major affuerit in eisdem cleri et populi multitudo, cruce in manu erecta, pulsatis campanis, candelis accensis et in vituperium hujusmodi reproborum in terram demum projectis et extinctis, cum omni qua decet solempnitate adhibita, publice denunciatis, et faciatis simili modo per alios publice et solempniter denunciari a denunciatione hujusmodi non cessantes donec aliud a nobis receperitis in mandatis.

They are to report what they have done, giving the names of the culprits if they can be found.

Given at Dogmersfield, March 24, A.D. 1379.

The president and the Chapter [the Dean absent], present William Preston to the Vicarage of S. Cuthbert's, vacant by the death of John Spaldyng. April 22, A.D. 1380.

A short entry, very faint. Apparently about the appointment of a proctor. Jan. 13, A.D. 1379.

fol. 278.

At the same time one Walter Hanloo presented letters from the Pope "super gratiam sibi factam de Canonicatu," &c.

The appointment of a Vicar.

The King to the D. & C. The judgment of the Court at Westminster upon a suit between the D. &. C. and Thomas de Schepton about his house in Wells. April 25, Anno regni 3°.

fol. 278 in dors.

Indenture made Feb. 15, Anno regis Ric^i 3°.

Peter de Yevelton had claimed against the D. & C. rights of hunting, fowling, fishing, and common pasture, in their manors of North Cory, Westhache, and Knappe, as belonging to Mere which he holds under them. He also claims "quoddam gestum quolibet anno in die Natali Domini, de ipsis D. & C. in eorum camera apud North Cory."

An agreement is made by which the said Peter retains the rights of pasture, and the Christmas feast, and resigns all other claims.

Receipt given by T. Spert for £5 as part payment of a loan of 20 marcs.

fol. 279.

Letter of the Bishop from Banwell on S. Stephen's Day. He understands that one Robert de Stratton has claimed to be Dean against John de Fordham. The dispute has been settled amicably by the mediation of the Duke of Lancaster and the Archbishop.

The Bp. supports J. Fordham.

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Confirmation by the Chapter of a lease made by Roger, son of Roger Harewell, Canon of Wells, of a part of his canonical buildings. A.D. 1380.

fol. 279 in dors. Foundation of the chantry of Walter de Compton; as on fol. 254 in dors.

fol. 280. The appointment by Robert de Stratton, Canon of York, of Richard Chesterfylde, Canon of York; Robert Braybroke, Archd^n of Cornwall; Robert Bradegar, Canon of London; Robert Worhtham, Rector of Brysele, Norwich; Henry Wynterton, Archd^n of Essex; Peter Pawe, Vicar of Walton, in London diocese; Thomas Page, clerk of Norwich diocese, to prosecute before the papal delegates his rights under the grants made to him by the Pope.

fol. 280 in dors. Inspex. by William the Prior of St. Swithin's, Winchester, of an Inspex. by John Bp. of Winton of the Charter of King Richard granting to the D. & C. of Wells the Manor of North Cory, &c.
The charter is recited at length. A.D. 1290.

The Bishop to all men. A faint and difficult entry. It appears that Canon Thomas Spycer had applied for permission to go to Rome to appeal against a sentence of excommunication pronounced upon him for an assault with bloodshed made upon two chaplains. A.D. 1380.

The Chapter (the Dean is absent) establish a chantry for Canon William Odecombe, in return for his gifts of rich vestments (enumerated and described) to the Cathedral. A.D. 1380.

fol. 281 in dors. The Feasts ab operibus which are to be observed and no others according to the orders of the Archbp. of Canterbury and his Suffragans. The Lord's Day, from the hour of Vespers on Saturday, as on Feasts which have vigils. The Nativity of the Lord. SS. Stephen; John; Innocents; Thomas Martyr [erased]; the Circumcision; the Epiphany; the Purification; S. Matthias; the Annunciation; SS. Parasceves; Pascha, with the three days following; S. Mark; SS. Philip and James; Invent. S. Crucis; S. John ante portam Lat.; the Ascension; Pentecost, with the three following days; Corpus Christi; Nativ. S. John Bapt.; the Aps. SS. Peter and Paul; S. Mary Magdalene; S. James; the Assumption; S. Lawrence; S. Bartholomew; Nativ. S. Mary; Exalt. S. Crucis; S. Matthew; S. Michael the Archangel; S. Luke; SS. Simon and Jude; All Saints; S. Andrew; S. Nicholas; Concept. S. Mary; S. Thomas; the dedications of parochial churches, and the days of the Saints in whose honour they are dedicated.

Two canons, Th. Mount and Th. Harewell, acting for the Dean, to the Vicar of Cheddre. Notice that they are about to hold a visitation of the Church. A.D. 1380.

Charter of Henry Parker, vicar of Doulting, made with the consent of the Abbot John and the monks of Glastonbury, granting to the D. & C. of Wells for the use of the fabric, one acre of glebe land lying in Esthay furlong, bounded on the West by the high road to Chevelinch, the South side 15 perches and 8 feet in length; the North 16 perches; the Eastern, 9 perches 6 ft.; the Western, 8 perches 4 ft. to be held by them in perpetuity for the use of the fabric on payment of 1*s.* 6*d.* a year.

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The Chapter agree that the said Henry may enter upon the said acre called Wottyngsmead, and recover any arrears of the rent. A.D. 1381.

Lease by the Chapter [the Dean is absent] of a toft, "sive vacua placea," in Mill Lane. Anno regno Ric. 5°. fol. 282.

Confirmation by the Chapter of a lease by the Bp. of a tenement in Wells. A.D. 1382. fol. 282 in dors.

Admission of Adam Davenport to a canonry in Wells, and to the prebend of Dynre. May 5, A.D. 1382.

Admission of dns John de Middleton to a canonry and the prebend of Cumbe 1st, "de mandato domini." May 22, A.D. 1382.

Obitus of John de Horsington, Chancellor, Prebendary of Compton Epi and Firmarius of Cheddre.

Bond of Robert de Cheddre de Bristoll to pay to Bp. Ralph £200 on St. Michael's Day next following, in the Church of Wyveliscombe. fol. 283.
Given at Wyveliscombe on Tuesday next after Nativ. S. Mary. A.D. 1362.

The above sealed by the said Robert "in quadam camera infra curiam dni Epi B. & W. apud Wyveliscumbe pro hospitibus assignata."

On Sept. 10, 1362, the said Robert, a burgess of Bristol, appeared before the Bp. in his chapel at Wyveliscumbe, pro tribunali sedente, and acknowledged that as exor. of the Will of William Husee he was bound to the Bp. for the Church of Wells in £200 left to the church by the said William. The Bp. makes answer through his official Robert de Nettleton, "organum vocis sue."

A chantry established in the parish church of Cheddre of the annual value of 10 marcs, on behalf of our present King Edward, &c., and the benefit of his soul after his death, pro satisfactione plenaria summe pecune predicte in the last entry. fol. 283 in dors.

Certificate of the notary to the above.

Registrum Capituli Ecclae Wellen Confectum per magistrum Thoman Spert eccle Cathed. Wellen Cancellarium. fol. 284.

He succeeded John de Horsington as Chancellor and was installed Aug. 7, A.D. 1382.

On August 8, Canon W. Camel in the presence of the Chapter [named] presented librum antiphonarium sive legendarium et quendam pannum aureum quem habuit de dono domine comitesse Cantie, et unam amictam garnisitam, et duas pecias de Bokeram rubeam, et borduras ac quandam orfresuram aliam per Radulfum Epm ad ejus procurationem prefate ecclesie legatam, ad faciendum ex omnibus predictis unam capam, promittens se velle sumptibus suis propriis capam eandem vita et sanitate . . . . respernando tunc usum suum dum vixerit et usum dicti libri et dicte cape. Et subsequitur tunc ibidem excusavit se fide media super quadam clausula inscripta in Registro scripto tempore dicti Johannis Horsynton Cancellor, continente inter cetera quod Johannes Aunger nuper canonicus dicte ecclae et senior capitulo pro tempore, dixit quod ipse tradidit dicto Willelmo Camel £20 de pecunia proveniente ad tumbam dni Radulphi nuper Epi Wellen. Quod quidem juramentum sive excusationem dictum capitulem admiserunt et ipsum super non receptionem dicte pecunie excusatum habuerunt.

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August 9. The Chancellor T. Spert receives the firm of Whitchurch from the Chapter [named] vacant by the death of Richard de Carleton.

A Canon's house allotted to the same.

fol. 284 in dors. Further entries about the Canon's house.

The firm of Burnham let.

Richard Harewell installed as canon and Prebendary of Litton on Oct. 1 A.D. 1366.

fol. 285. Blank.

fol. 285 in dors. Leave of absence for seven years study at Oxford given by Dean Thomas de Sudbury and the chapter to Thomas Parker vicar of the prebendal stall of Yatton. Jan. 2, A.D. 1384.

fol. 286. Blank.

fol. 286 in dors. Process on the part of the D. & C. against Walter Hamme, Vicar of S. Cuthbert's, about the 20 marcs pension payable by him annually to the D. & C. He has refused to pay and the amount now due is £100. Anno regni regis nunc 7°.

The D. & C. recover 40 marcs and excuse the rest.

fol. 287. Appropriation by Bp. John of the church of East Coker for the chantry of Hugh de Courtenay in Exeter Cathedral. The petition is made by Philip de Courtenay, miles; and master Robert Broke. Mentions Hugh de Courtenay and Margaret his widow. It is to be a chantry of four presbyters to celebrate masses and other divine offices daily at the tomb in navi . . . Exon^s Eccl^e decenter constructam, for the soul of the said Hugo, &c., for the good estate of the said Margaret, et Rogeri in Christo patris, and of Lord William de Courtenay his son, Archbishop of Canterbury, and of the said Philip, and of Lord Peter de Courtenay, &c.

Besides the Rectory of East Coker that of Honington in Exeter diocese is appropriated.

Masses are to be celebrated at the tomb daily, Et precipue infra nominatas, viz., die dominica de Sancta Trinitate; die Lune, unam de Angelis; die Martis de S. Thoma; die Marcurii de Omnibus Sanctis; die Jovis, unam de S. Spiritu; die Veneris unam de Sancta Cruce; et die Sabbati unam de beata Virgine, alteram de . . . . et alias missas de die . . . . prout ex devotione eis fuerit inspiratum, &c.

fol. 287 in dors. fol. 288. Two pages of details about the services and the ornaments, &c., of the chantry, and about the provision made for the vicar of East Coker.

fol. 288 in dors. Given at Woky, June 24, 1385.

Certificate by Robert Sloo, public notary of Bath and Wells to the above.

Confirmation of it by the Chapter of Wells on June 25.

Confirmation also by the Chapter of Bath on June 26.

Appointment by the Chapter, Thomas de Sudbury the Dean is present, of Canon John Upton to exercise their disciplinary powers over the canonical body if occasion should arise. July 10, A.D. 1385

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A very faint entry about some person who has not paid what is due from him to the communarius. July 24.

Appropriation by the Dean and Chapter of the church of Kingston, of which Robert Chetyrne was lately rector, to the use of the Vicars of the Close. fol. 289.

The deed is addressed to Thomas Elwell and Nicholas ffaace, communis aule novi clausi vicariorum principalibus. Sept. 19, A.D. 1385.

The D. & C. appoint Master Lambert More to act for them for one year, in their suit against certain persons at North Cory. Sept 24, A.D. 1385.

At a visitation of the diocese made by the Bp. the claim made by the Abbey of Glastonbury to jurisdiction over seven churches and to certain pensions is confirmed by the Bishop. At Woky, Sept. 12, 1385. fol. 289 in dors.

Printed in Adam de Domerham, Vol. I., p. 273.

Confirmation of the last by the Chapter of Bath. Sept. 14. fol. 290.

Similar confirmation by the Chapter of Wells Sept. 24.

T. de Sudbury Dean of Wells "et sacri palatii apostolici causarum auditor," to Canon Andrew Baret "confratri nostro dictique palatii coauditori."

In return for his good offices and labours, the Chapter will receive him into residence on receipt of £40 pro fine et redemptione communii vestri in eadem eccle juxta statuta et consuetudines in principio vestre nove residentie; . . . . . ac vos a predicto convivio tenendo liberamus.

He is not however to share in the great distribution but only in the quotidians, until he comes into personal residence, &c. fol. 290 in dors.

On Dec. 23, A.D. 1385. Canon Richard Spicer is formally charged before the Chapter with having used opprobrious language to the Dean, and is suspended for a time "salvis statu et beneficiis."

At another Chapter he is absolved on his promise of good behaviour. fol. 291.

At a Chapter the death of William Cammel the Precentor is announced, and his firm of Mudford and Lovington given to Canon Th. Bingham. April 20, A.D. 1386.

Allotment of a Canon's house.

A very indistinct entry, apparently about the improper behaviour of one of the vicars during a procession. He promises amendment. fol. 291 in dors.

Grant by the D. & C. of a Canon's House and the firm of their Grange to Edmund Seyntloo the senior resident who has not any.

They are vacant by the death of William Odecumbe. A.D. 1386.

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The beginning only of an entry about the establishment of Hugh Courtenay's Chantry. fol. 292 in dors.

A letter in French from the King recommending Richard Medeford his secretary to the Chapter as bishop.

Given at Windsor, Dec. 14.

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The D. & C. give leave of absence for the purpose of study to a vicar, allowing him to draw his stipend meanwhile, provided that he find one to do his duty for him. Oct. 1, A.D. 1388.

At a Chapter held on Sept. 24, A.D. 1388. Canon Richard Harewell, prebendary of Litton, came and declared that he wished to be a resident according to the statutes, &c. On Feb. 12 he was admitted accordingly.

fol. 293. At a Chapter held on Aug. 20, A.D. 1387 [the Dean not present]. Robert Rugge, Chancellor of Oxford, and prebendary of Dulcot, sought to be a resident and was admitted.

On Nov. 5 the D. & C. allot to the said Robert Rugge a house and a firm for so long as he shall be a resident.

At a Chapter held May 26th, A.D. 1388, T. Newman, vicar, reports that he has cited Canon Richard Spicer at his own house, and in his stall, to appear before the Chapter and answer a charge of having laid violent hands on W. Hepe a chaplain of Wells.

He does not appear and for his contumacy he is forbidden entrance to the Cathedral and suspended from receipt of a portion of the communia, and is again summoned to appear before the Chapter.

fol. 293 in dors. On Sept. 19, A.D. 1388. Thomas More proctor of Ralph Bp. of B. & W. appeared before the Chapter [the Dean is absent] and exhibited the Papal letters "more curiæ Romane bullatas," concerning the translation of the said Bp. and desired obedience to them.

A copy of the said letters (all crossed out).

The Pope has translated the Bp. of B. & W. to Durham, and now translates Bp. Ralph from Salisbury.

fol. 294. Formal protestation of Richard Harewell that he wishes to become a residentiary. Sept. 24.

On Oct. 1. A vicar still on trial is warned because he has not given sufficient attention to learning the Antiphonarium, Psalterium, and Ympnarium, and is allowed a further space of time.

Licence of non-residence for three years granted to two vicars at the desire of the King and the late Bishop. Sept. 8, A.D. 1388.

fol. 294 in dors. The King claims the right of presentation to the Treasurership, and prohibits the Chapter from seeking in any way to infringe this right. He had appointed William Langbrook.

Given at Westminster March 6, anno regni 12°.

Admission by T. Spert, acting during the absence of T. de Sudbury the Dean, of John Deize to the Chantry of Cheddre vacant by the death of John Ashefolde. Sept. 13, A.D. 1389.

Licence to a Vicar to go to Rome and keep his office in S. Mary's Chapel juxta claustrum to which he was presented by Dns. John Chediock, miles. Jan. 14, A.D. 1389.

fol. 295. The Archbp. to the D. & C.

A question has been raised in the King's Court whether the holder of the Prepositura of Wells can also hold a benefice. The Court applies to the Archbp. for information because the Bp. of B. & W. is one of the parties in the suit, and the Archbp. desires the Chapter to send to him evidence from their Archives. A.D. 1390.

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The Chapter reply to the Archbp. that they will comply with his mandate.

A Mandate from the King to the Chapter, similar to that sent by the Archbp.

The Chapter reply to the King. fol. 295 in dors.
They have sent all the information they possess.

The answer of the Chapter as to the status of the Prepositus. fol. 296.
He need not be a priest; nor a resident; nor need he have cure of souls, or any spiritual jurisdiction, nor has he a voice in the Chapter or right of entry by reason of his office. The following persons have in previous times held benefices with the office, viz., John de S. Paul, Archd^{n} of Cornwall; Andrew Ufford, Archd^{n} of Middlesex; Adam Hylton, Treasurer of York; William Wykeham, Archd^{n} of Lincoln; John Newenham, Rector of Fenny Staunton; Walter Trelond, Rector of Cristemaleford.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of the King's mandate.

Confirmation by the Chapter of the manumission by the Dean of Nicholas Kyng of Merk Brigge. Dec. 5, A.D. 1390.

Inspex: and conf: by the Chapter of a lease by Bp. Ralph to Henry fol. 296 in dors.
Spertegrove of a fulling mill at the bottom of his garden in Wells. Feb. 20, anno regni regis, 14°.

Leave of absence for three years, for the purpose of study at Oxford given by the Chapter to one of the vicars. June 19, A.D. 1391.

There is none. fol. 297.
A short note about the vicars. fol. 298.
The presentation to the vicar's office belongs to the canon of each stall.

A canon presents a young relation to be his vicar. The Chapter commit the duty of examining "in lectura et cantu" to the whole body of vicars then present. They examine him apart, and report that he is "habilis in lectura et cantu, tum vocem juvenilem habet." On the following day the Chapter order him to be habited as a vicar and installed, and then leave of absence for one year is given to him that he may study in the school. A.D. 1391.

John Hewyssch Abbot of Athelney installed as a prebendary. A.D. 1391.

Mem. that a chantry of the value of 4 marcs at S. Nicholas's altar juxta claustrum is in the patronage of the Chancellor, the Succentor, and the Subdean, in turn, each for one year.

Confirmation by the Chapter of a manumission by Bp. Ralph of John fol. 298 in dors.
Skete and his family. A.D. 1391.

The D. & C. ex parte memorie d^{ni} Johannis Harewell nuper B. & W. Ep^{i}, consent to the total removal of the palace at Blackford, "voluptuose constructa et in nullo penitus necessaria."
Also of buildings at Congresbury. The materials may be sold, and fol. 299.
the Bp. is freed from the expence of dilapidations. A.D. 1391.

Leave of absence to a Vicar.

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The Chapter admit Roger Harewell, Archd. of Bath to be a resident. A.D. 1392.

fol. 299 in dors. Inspex. and Conf. by the Chapter of certain manumissions by Thomas Walter, Rector of Cristemaleford.

A vicar is accused before the Chapter of misconduct during service in the Choir, of wandering about among the pillars and talking with lay people, of growing his hair long, of not using a tonsure, of not keeping his stall properly, of not being diligent in learning Psalter, Antiphonary, and Hymnary.

He is also charged with using opprobrious language about the canons.

Ends abruptly at the bottom of the page, the rest of the book is missing.

LIBER RUBER. II.

fol. 1. The petition of Dean Burnell and the Chapter to King Edward for licence for themselves and the Monks of Bath to elect a Bp. in the place of late Bp. Robert.

Sent by the hands of W. de Haselshawe and Thomas de Gorges.

The Chapter of Bath to the Chapter of Wells de eodem.

The Chapter of Wells similarly to the Chapter of Bath. Dec. 29.

fol. 1 in dors. Summons issued by the D. & C. of Wells to Canon H. de Clare to be present in the Chapter at Bath on Wednesday next after the Conversion of S. Paul for the purpose of the election. Dec. 30.

A similar summons to their fellow canon H. de Newark, Dean of York. If he is canonically unable to be present he may appoint one of the Canons to be his proxy. There is no such provision in the case of Canon H. de Clare.

Letter of Walter the Prior of Bath and of Edward the Dean of Wells, as in Lib. Alb. I. fol. 91.

Election of Robert Burnell, as in Lib. Alb. I. fol. 91.

fol. 2. A formal recital of the last, as in Lib. Alb. fol. 91.

fol. 2 in dors. The Chapter of Bath to the Chapter of Wells, that they have appointed their proctors for the election, on S. Thomas the Martyr's Day. A.D. 1292.

The said proctors meet at Feringdon the following day and fix upon Wednesday next after the Conversion of S. Paul for the election.

fol. 3. Upon June 7, A.D. 1273, at a general Convocation of the Canons of the Cathedral, in the presence of Bp. William II., the following constitutions were made.

The ordinale was corrected.

No one is henceforth to add or subtract from it without the consent of the Bp. and the whole Chapter.

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Item, "quod de cetero nulle matutine in sero dicantur in choro exceptis festivitatibus S. Trin, Nat. S. Joh^s Bapt. et S.S. Petri et Pauli."

Item, "quod canonicus quilibet de cetero ad pinguiorem prebendam forsitan promovendus fructus prebende sue prioris percipiat sicut prius donec cessantibus impedimentis que secundum consuetudinem ecclesie contingunt fructus percipere possit ex prebenda que sibi fuerit permutata."

Four days in the year appointed for the transaction of the more important business of the Chapter. If a canon is absent, and is not represented by a vicar "ad hoc instructum," he shall receive nothing for the last and the following quarter.

"Item. Ad vitandi perjurii periculum quod hactenus admissi vicarii hujus ecclesie quasi inevitabiliter incurrerunt, si presentandus ad quamcunque vicariam persona nota fuerit et experta, quod scilicet tam scientiam habeat cantandi quam etiam instrumentum, concedatur ei statim percipere omnia ad modum aliorum vicariorum. Ita tamen quod extunc stet in probatione morum suorum et diligentie quam exhibebit de sciendis corde tenus Antiphonario, psalterio, et ympnario per totum annum sequentem. Deputato sibi nichilominus auscultatore super hoc per precentorem presente capitulo. In cujus fine anni si idem presentatus per rei evidentiam et testimonium predicti auscultatoris et ceterorum clericorum ecclesiarum, ipso amoto, bene morigeratus expertus fuerit et diligens in hac parte perpetuetur ut ceteri vicarii in ecclesia memorata, alioquin rejiciatur omnino. Idem fiat de persona qualibet non experta excepto quod hujusmodi persona antequam ingrediatur annalem probationem hujusmodi stabit in probatione sine perceptione qualibet per quindecim dies ante ad minus lectura et cantatura per se et cum aliis quotidie ad sue modulationis psallendi et cantandi scientiam comprobandam. Quarum altera si sibi defuerit repellatur omnino.

The above constitution is confirmed but not recited in the Statutes of Walter de Haselshaw on fol. 21 of this Liber Ruber and in Lib. Alb. but the words referring to Bp. Button are omitted at p. 66 in the copy of the Statutes printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," by H. E. Reynolds.

A list of the charters and other documents in the Chapter Register. fol. 3 in dors. to fol. 7 in dors.

The list is the same as that in Lib. Alb. I. fol. 6, &c., and the documents are there and, with the exception of 3 or 4, not in Lib. Ruber.

The list is printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," by H. E. Reynolds, p. 115.

The Writ Quo Warranto as in Lib. Alb. 1., fol. 108. fol. 7 in dors.

Writ of Quo Warranto against the D. & C. about North Cory. fol. 9 in dors.

Similarly about the Advowson of Cungresbury. fol. 10, &c.

Confirmation of the rights of Wells by Archbp. John as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 111.

A short list of charters, &c., rubricated, and with quaint heads drawn in red at the end of each paragraph. fol. 12 in dors.

De ordinatione prebendarum, &c., as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 31. fol. 13.

Charter about Cumbe, as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 49 in dors. fol. 14.

The Charter of Bp. Joceline about vacant prebends, as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 58.

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That the Archdeacon's answer to the Chapter in this matter. As in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 59.

A Charter, at the bottom of the page in a different hand, Bp. Ragin grants, with the consent of the Archdeacons, all the fruits of vacant benefices for the fabric until the work is completed.

Given in the Chapter in the presence of Richard the Dean, William the Precentor, T. the Archd^{n}, and almost all the Canons.

fol. 15. Grant of the proceeds of vacant benefices to Bp. Roger for a time as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 64. The canons are named.

fol. 15 in dors. Bp. W. de eodem. A.D. 1249.

fol. 16. Bp. W. restores these fruits to the D. & C., and approves of their appropriation to the fabric. At Banwell Jan. 12. Anno Pontif. 15°.

fol. 16 in dors. William the Prior of the Hospital of S. John, in Wells, and the brethren promise to Richard de Button the Precentor to perform a full service annually at the Altar of S. John in their house for the soul of the said Richard, of Bp. W. de Button, and his ancestors, &c. The Dean to have power to enforce this. Test. Edward the Dean; Nicholas the Treasurer, &c.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of the grant by Bp. Josceline of a chantry, bells, and cemetery to S. John's Hospital.

fol. 17. At a general convocation held on the morrow of S. Augustine's the Apostle of the English, A.D. 1241, in the presence of Bp. J. an order was made about the distribution of the communa, &c. Two thirds of a year constitutes residence, and no simple canon is bound to residence unless he wishes it.

The revised ordinale is to be followed.

It is decided that the Dean, or Sub-Dean in his absence, has the power of giving leave "Exeundi villam, vel fleobotomandi, transferrendi aliquem in primum gradum, vel in secundam formam. Item statutum est quod vicarii . . . ad stationem in choro sequantur prebendas ad quas admissi fuerant vicarii eo non obstante, et si prebenda fuerit collata persone in dignitate ex altera parte."

The prebend of Winsham held by the Archdn. of Bath is to minister in the priest's order as it used to do.

A bell is to be sounded for Chapter meetings.

fol. 17 in dors. New arrangements about the distribution of the communa made A.D. 1259. The canons present are named.

fol. 18. Letter Patent of King Edward for walling the Liberty.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angl. &c. &c. ad honorem Dei et honestatem ecclesie Cathedralis Wellen, ac sanctorum quorum corpora requiescunt in eadem, necnon ad securitatem et quietem canonicorum et ministorum predicte ecclesie, et suorum ibidem residentium, concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris venerabile patri Roberto Bathon et Wellem Ep° quod ipse cimiterium ecclesie predicte et procinctum domorum canonicorum predictorum infra civitatem suam Wellen muro lapideo circumquaque includere, et murum illum Kirnellare, et procinctum illum sic inclusum eidem Ep° et successoribus suis ad suam et dictorum canonicorum securitatem majorem tenere possit sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum justiciariorum seu aliorum ministrorum nostrorum quorum cumque in perpetuum.

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Ita quod in stratis et locis aliis necessariis et competentibus ibidem portas et posternas fieri, et stratas quas ipsum in procinctu illo includere contigerit ad proprius et commodius quod pro transeuntibus fieri potuerit . . . . faciet. Et ita quod porte ille et posterne singulis diebus ab aurora diei usque ad noctem sint aperte pro utilitate transeuntium per portas et posternas supradictas. Ita etiam quod porte ille et posterne de nocte clandantur, et in aurora diei aperiantur sicut predictum est.

Teste me ipso apud Wodestok March 15 anno regni 14°.

Articles of visitation in the Cathedral by the Dean. Printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." by H. E. Reynolds, p. 125. fol. 18 in dors.

The Statutes of Walter de Haselshaw as in Lib. Alb. I. fol. 215, &c., and printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." p. 59, &c. fol. 19, &c.

The Statutes of Dean John de Godelee. fol. 24, &c.

Printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," p. 128, &c., as far as the end of the article "annus post mortem," p. 129.

The next two articles, viz., "Item ut vestigiis . . . . procurari," and "Quod genuflectura," are printed at p. 74. The next "De Percussionibus Campanarum," is here crossed out.

Then there follows an article here which is not printed. "Item quia quedam carte nostre que sunt velut thesaurus ecclesie in parte sunt debilitate, quedam vero quasi vetustate consumpte, volumus quod per discretos viros concanonicos nostros presente ecclesie cancellario qui curam et custodiam habet earundem circa festum S. Michaelis examinentur et in uno registro de verbo ad verbum conscribantur et prout citius comode fieri potuerit sub manu (publica?) auctoritate judicis competentis ad perpetuam rei memoriam publicentur, saltem ille de quarum consumptione magis timetur.

The next 3 articles "Quod non sint ludi"; "Quod canonici teneant"; "Additio in juramento," are printed pp. 75, 76.

Then there follow the two articles, printed on p. 76, "Quod vicarii," and "Quod sit in arbitrio," but in the reverse order.

The next is "Quod annellarii" is printed at p. 158.

The rest beginning with "ad perpetuum futurorum, &c." are printed pp. 129–131.

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Order made by John de Godelee the Dean, and the Chapter about firms, printed in Appendix G., pp. 131–133 of "Wells Cathedral, &c." fol. 28 in dors. &c.

Articles of visitation from "Inquirant visitatores primo" to "Audi, vidi, tace, si vis vivere in pace," printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," p. 126. fol. 30 in dors.

The Canon's oath of obedience and fidelity.

A chapter summoned to consider the attempt of Bp. John de Drokensford to interfere with the Dean's rights as visitor of the prebendal churches, &c. fol. 31, &c.

The proceedings which follow fill 8 folios. They are described, and the greater part printed in "Wells Cathedral," App. H. p. 133.

Bp. Roger's order about the Prebends as on fol. 13. fol. 40,

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Statutes concerning each one of the officers of the Cathedral, printed in "Wells Cathedral," pp. 55-56 as far as the tenth line on p. 56 ending "in tabula lectores notare."

fol. 40 & 41 in dors.

The next line and a half "Et cantor . . . . veruntarum" is not in the MS., but the rest of the MS. is as it is printed on pp. 56, 57, as far as "illorum faciant."

fol. 42.

fol. 42 in dors.

Prebends exempt from Archidiaconal visitation. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 28.

H. the Archd^{n} carries out the last order. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 29.

fol. 43.

The power of excommunication given to the Chapter. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 28.

Charter about Hiwish and Brente as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 41.

fol. 43 in dors.

The Charter of Bp. Josceline about Wedmore prebend, as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 58.

fol. 44.

Bp. Josceline about Merke and Wedmore as in Lib. Alb. I. 51.

fol. 44 in dors. and 45.

Bp. Josceline about the quotidians, &c. as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 51.

fol. 45 in dors.

Pope Adrian to Dean Ivo and the brethren confirming to the Cathedral its possessions, specified.

Dat: Rome apud St^{m} Petrum per manum Rolandi S. Romane eccl^{e} presbyteri Cardinalis et Cancellarii. xi. Kal. Feb. Indic. sexta, A.D. 1157. Pontif. vero dn^{i} Adriani pape iiii anno quarto.

fol. 46, &c.

Pope Alexander to Dean Richard and the Canons.

A similar document.

Dat Anagnie per manum Graciani S. Romane eccle Subdn. et notarii, xvii. Kal. Julii, Indic. 8^{a} A.D. 1176, Pontif. Alexandri pape iii, anno xvii^{o}.

fol. 47.

Inspex: by Thomas the Prior of Bath, as Lib. Alb. III., fol. 3.

fol. 47 in dors.

The exemption of prebends, as Lib. Alb. III., fol. 3.

fol. 48.

About the fruits of vacant benefices, as Lib. Alb. III., fol. 244.

fol. 48 in dors.

Commission issued by the Bp. about various rights and possessions of the Chapter. Printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." App. I., p. 146.

fol. 49.

Commission issued by the Bp., as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 163.

fol. 49 in dors.

Confirmation by the Bp. of the privileges of the D. & C. as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 163.

The jurisdiction of the Dean, &c. confirmed by the Bp. as in Lib. Alb. I., 163.

fol. 50.

The Bp.'s bond to the D. & C. for 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 164.

The jurisdiction of the Precentor in Pulton, as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 164.

fol. 50 in dors.

The decision of Bp. Joceline about the jurisdiction of the Dean and Sub-dean, &c., as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 43.

Order about attendance in Chapter as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 87.

fol. 51.

About the jurisdiction of the Dean and Sub-dean as in Lib. Alb. I., fol. 156.

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A.D. 1340. John de Milton, vicar, petitions the Chapter to allow Hugh de Alresford to live with him, according to custom and statute. Leave is given provided that his present companion W. de Walton suffers no loss. fol. 51 in dors.

Visitation by the Bp. in the Cathedral A.D. 1337. Printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." App. K, p. 148. fol. 52, &c.

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A citation issued by the Bp. A.D. 1338, and protest by the D. & C. Printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." App. 4, p. 149. fol. 53 in dors. fol. 54.

A suit before R. Hillary and other justiciaries in the Court of King's Bench between Walter de London the Dean, and Walter de ffarndon and Matilda, his wife, about the office of ballivus of the bedellaria of Bempston Hundred, which they claim through Nicholas de Langelonde, is decided in favour of the Dean. 16 E. III. fol. 54 in dors.

Quitclaim by the said Walter de ffarndon of the above to the Dean. Test Anselm de Gornay; Adamar de Northlode; Richard de Countevyle; William de Modeslee and John, his son; Nicholas at Pulle and Walter, his son; Bertram de Dombleton; John Manshepe [Walter's attorney], William de Sheldon; Richard de Morton; Robert le Clerk; William de Koch, &c. At Wedmore, Jan. 19. 16 E. III. fol. 55.

Summons issued by P. de Wellegh to the Bailiff of Bempston ex parte regis to summon four of the knights qui visui illi interfuerunt at Westminster, to appear and give evidence before the justiciaries at Somerton in order to assess amounts due to the King.

A suit before J. de Stonore and other justiciaries by John de Langelond against Walter de London the Dean for the bedellaria of Bempstone Hundred. William de Countevill had given it to Nicholas de Langelonde and Johanna his wife, and to their sons Nicholas and John, and after the death of the said Nicholas and John, and of Hugh their heir [it is not said whose son he was, he is afterwards described "cuidam Hugoni ut filio et heredi] it ought to descend to John, son and heir of the said Hugh.

The Dean produces a quitclaim given by the said John, witnessed by Richard de Hamptone; Walter le Yreys; Walter de Sutton; Auncelin de Gournay; Almaric de Northlode; Bertram de Dumbeltone; John le Riche; John de Arderne; William de Legh; at Merk on Monday next before the feast of S. Gregory. 19 E. III.

A controversy had arisen between Bp. Ralph and Walter de London the Dean, the Bp. having cited two of the clerks Thomas Tychemersh and John Cherde, Altariste of the Cathedral, to answer to him for certain irregularities. It is settled in a friendly spirit that this citation shall stand, the Bp. not gaining and the Dean not losing any rights or jurisdiction thereby. July 11, A.D. 1342. fol. 55 in dors.

"Radulfus, &c., &c. Ep^s dilecto filio Waltero de London, Decano, &c. Cum occasione correctionis criminum et excessuum quorundam parochianorum Ecclesiarum de Wedmore et Evercrich vobis ut pretenditur immediate subditorum, quorum aliquos discretus vir Magister Johannes de Middelton noster commissarius generalis coram eo responsuros ad auditum dicitur evocasse, et aliquibus certas fustigationes certis diebus et locis more primali peragendas . . . injunxisse et quibusdam certam purgationem cum certo numero compurgatorum indixisse,

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et alios fustigasse seu fustigari mandasse vel fecesse;" and a question of jurisdiction has arisen between the said Dean and the said commisary from this. The Bp. has made inquiry and finds "quod dictus noster commissarius predictos parochianos coram eo pro criminibus . . . extra loca vestre jurisdictioni subdita . . . . ad judicium evocavit, fustigationes injunxit et ipsos sicut licuit fustigavit et fustigari mandavit." Whatever had taken place had been done "extra loca vobis subdita, &c."
At Wells, July 11, A.D. 1342.

Admission by the Bp. Ralph of Robert ffenre to the vicarage of S. Decumans on the presentation of the D. & C. Given at Wyvelescombe, June 26, Anno Pontif. 18°.

fol. 56. Mem. by the Bp. upon a question of jurisdiction which had arisen from an inquisition made on the vacancy of S. Decuman's Vicarage. The Dean is to keep all the jurisdiction which the Deans have heretofore exercised as to the vicarages of vacant prebends, and the Bp. never intended to interfere with this when he made the inquisition. Given in the Chapter at Wells [the Canons present are named], Sept. 30, A.D. 1348.

fol. 56 in dors. Blank.

fol. 57. A letter to the Dean of Poulet.
The custom of the diocese has been that if a Rector vacates his living after the Feast of the Annunciation he has the next autumn's harvest. The D. & C. and the Archd^{n} of Wells now claim these fruits. It is proposed to submit the question to the arbitration of the Bp., and the Dean of Poulet is to give notice and summon all whom it may concern to appear in person or by proxy in the cathedral and treat of the matter; "et licet non vobis scribamus ut commisarius domini sed ut Rector de diocesi, concorditer tamen habeatur istud negotium quia magis arduum nostris temporibus non est visum."
Written at Wells, Dec. 1, by J. de Middelton, Rector of Bleodon.

A similar letter to the Dean of Yevelchester. These two entries are in the same hand as the next.

The Dean Walter de London adjudges that William de Littelton the Precentor "juxta spontaneam confessionem tuam in judicio coram nobis" pay £100 to Simon de Bristoll the Chancellor; Richard de Thisteldene, the Treasurer; Nicholas de Estone, the Succentor; and Galfrid de Chelch, a Canon, under pain of excommunication.

fol. 57 in dors. The Archbp. to the Bps. complaining that aids have been exacted from the clergy by mere mandate from the King's Chancellery, whereas hitherto aids have never been given except by a grant from the Convocation upon a demand addressed to the Archbp. He calls upon the Bps. to resist this, not to abstain from attendance in the parliament, but to give good advice there and publish its ill doings.
Given at Andewarpia, March 24.

This is printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." App. M. p. 151.

fol. 58. An instrument containing the agreement come to between Bp. Ralph and Roger de Mortuo Mari Archd^{n} of Wells as to jurisdiction over offences.
Given at Woky, A.D. 1338.

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Attestation by Walter de Hulle, Notary.

A question about the Hundred of Winterstoke between the Bp. and Walter de Rodenye, knight. A.D. 1338. fol. 58 in dors.
Faint and difficult to read.

The same mandate about jurisdiction as that on fols. 52 and 66. fol. 56.

A mandate by the Bp. after he has held a visitation in the Cathedral. fol. 59 in dors.
All faint and difficult to read.

Mandate to the Dean to endow a vicarage at Merk, A.D. 1338. fol. 60.

A.D. 1335. The Bp's official Canon John de Carleton appears before the Bp. Ralph in his Hall at Evercreech and reports that one Valentine de Gernevyle a vicar of the Cathedral has been suspended for certain offences, by the said Bp., from wearing his habit in the cathedral for a certain time. Said Valentine had ventured to resume his habit before the expiration of the time, he now submits and a further period of suspension is imposed by the Bp., in the presence of Robert Hereward, Archd^{n} of Tanton; John de Ripingdon, rector of Yivele; John de Middelton, rector of Shepton Beauchamp; and S. Trippe, and W. de Camel, Clerks, Notaries of the diocese. fol. 60 in dors.

Attestation of the last by William de Ludeford, Notary. fol. 61.

Visitation by the Bp. on Dec. 10, A.D. 1337, "in domo capitulari ecclesie Wellen officium visitationis sue actualiter exercens." He examined the Dean Walter de London upon various articles touching the canons, vicars, and other ministers of the Cathedral, and amongst others "de certis articulis titulos canonicorum . . . concernentibus." The Dean answers that he is willing that the Bp. should thus call for the canons titles, and is ready to exhibit his own whenever it shall please him.

Attestation of Stephen Trippe.

Certificate by Stephen Trippe, notary, that on Dec. 4, A.D. 1335, Bp. Ralph came into the Chapter and objected (objecit) to Canon Thomas de Haselschawe then present, that he had been detected during the course of the visitation lately held, in frequenting and drinking in taverns. He denied the charge distinctly with the exception of three occasions, when he had accepted invitations from certain great men to feasts given by them. The Bp. forbad him to do the like again, and he promised obedience. One of the vicars was then charged with incontinence. He denied it and "ad suam petitionem coram dn^{o} Ep^{o} tunc ibidem purgavit, quem Ep^{s} . . . . habuit pro purgato, &c." fol. 61 in dors.

Attestation of S. Trippe.

On Oct. 30 A.D. 1338, Bp. Ralph pro tribunali sedens in the Chapter for the correction of certain things which he had discovered in the visitation, in the presence of Walter de London the Dean, the Precentor, the Treasurer, the Succentor, and 8 other canons, declared that he having the intention of visiting the diocese, had taken the cathedral first. He then caused his official John de Carleton to read the following list of things requiring amendment.

1. That the revenues of Bornham Church which had been appropriated for the support of the fabric, are not so applied. Some of the canons

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answer that the revenues of Bornham are almost entirely swallowed up by pensions and chantries, others questioned if it had ever been appropriated to the support of the fabric. The Bp. ordered the deeds to be examined.

fol. 62.

2. That certain of the Statutes of John de Godelee are not observed, but it is not stated which statutes are meant. The Bp. therefore orders them to be examined, and then he will be able "approbanda approbare et reprobanda reprobare."

3. That the canons, vicars and other officers are not present at the canonical hours. It is answered on behalf of the vicars that absence is punished by forfeiture of quotidians, but against them the 'ex gratia' they are allowed though the vicars have been absent. The Bp. ordered the canons to attend for the future, and that no allowances should be made to vicars who are absent.

4. That the books and vestments need repair. The Bp. ordered this to be done before S. John Baptist's Day, but on the petition of some of the canons the date is deferred to S. Michael's Day.

Attestation of S. Trippe.

fol. 62 in dors.

Upon Dec. 4 in the same year the Bp.'s official J. de Carleton delivered to the Dean letters patent from the Bp., containing the above orders. Given at Woky, Nov. 28, A.D. 1338.

fol. 63.

Attestation of William de Camel.

On May 1, A.D. 1336, Bp. Ralph in the Chapter heard sundry accusations made aganist some of the canons of too much familiarity with a certain Cecilia, and warned them not to allow her to enter their houses, under pain of excommunication.

Attested by the Notaries W. de Ludeford, and W. de Camel.

fol. 63 in dors.

On Sept. 13, A.D. 1333, Bp. Ralph in his camera at Woky treated with 8 of the Canons, and the proctor of the Dean, Richard de Bury, who is absent on business, as to the manner of his visitation of the Cathedral, and promised at the desire of the canons, that he would make his visitation of the members of the Cathedral body only in the person of the Dean or his substitute, and in all things follow in the visitation the practice of his predecessors. They then all proceed to the Cathedral and the Bp. makes his visitation in the manner agreed upon above, canonicis presentibus et patienter tolerantibus.

Attestation of S. Trippe.

fol. 64.

On Oct. 30, A.D. 1338. In the hall of the Bp's. palace in Wells, the Dean Walter de London and the Canons proposed a form of agreement between themselves and the Bp. viz., that any irregularities which may have been found by the Bp. in the course of his visitation of the Cathedral are to be corrected by him only through the Dean, and this not by virtue of any citation issued by the Bp's. official, and saving all the rights of the Chapter.

Attested by S. Trippe.

Instrument by the Notary. John Rector of Legh, Dean of Tanton had exhibited letters from Bp. Ralph in the Church of Kynggestone excommunicating Richard de Rokebere the pretended Vicar, and forbidding the parishioners to communicate with him or pay him offerings

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&c. Immediately the said Richard cried aloud. "If the Bp. has excommunicated me I excommunicate him," and having forthwith vested himself he celebrated the mass with a loud voice in the said Church in the presence of 200 of the parishioners, who locked the doors "comminantes quod communionem viatici eodem die simul cum ipsis ab eodem dn° Ricardo recipere deberemus," and then he administered to a great number of the people present, &c. Printed in "Wells Cathedral," p. 155.

On Nov. 3, A.D. 1335, the Bp's. official sits judicially in Axebridge Church and punishes by suspension a Vicar of the Cathedral for incontinence. fol. 65.

The correction of T. Haselshaw, &c. as on fol. 61. fol. 65 in dors.

On Dec. 10, A.D. 1337 the Dean Walter de London, in the presence of the Bp. in the Chapter pro tribunali sedens, presented a formal document to the Bp. acknowledging the receipt of a document from the Bp. citing the Chapter to present themselves for the visitation of the Cathedral about to be held, dated Nov. 21, A.D. 1337 at Evercrich, and promised obedience. fol. 66.

The Bp. immediately commenced his visitation.

Attestation by W. de Camel. fol. 66 in dors.

The Bp's. commissary sitting judicially at Axebrugg Church, suspended Valentine de Gernevyle a Vicar of the Cathedral for half a year for incontinence, Nov. 3, A.D. 1335.

He also sitting judicially in Chiw Church tried the case of Nicholas le Bray called Lardyner accused of laying violent hands on Master Byndan de Byndinellis a clerk in the parish of S. Cuthberts Wells. The said Nicholas denied the charge, and the commissary "ad purgandum se sexta manu de premissis . . . eidem assignavit. Statim idem Nicholas . . rogavit instanter quod numerum purgatorum sic sibi indictum diminueret, &c. Idem magister commissarius . . . indixit purgationem quarta manu, &c." Et statim Nicholas "quarta manu judicialiter se purgavit."

Attestation of the last by S. Trippe.

On Dec. 10, A.D. 1337. When the Bp. was in the Chapter and about to make his visitation, the Dean Walter de London declared his willingness to produce his titles and that the canons should also be called upon to do the like.

On the 15th of the same month Symon de Bristol who had been appointed Chancellor by the Bp. in the presence of the Bp. in the Cathedral made oath of obedience to the statutes, and that he would deliver or cause to be delivered lectures in Theology or in the Decrees, at the times usual in the University of Oxford, according to the orders of the Bp. fol. 67.

Attestation of S. Trippe.

On Dec. 2, A.D. 1336. John de Middelton, rector of Shepton Beauchamp, the Bp's. commissary sitting judicially in the Church of Evercrich charged one Johanna with adultery. She cleared herself. Afterwards on May 13, A.D. 1337, the same commissary, sitting at Wyvelescombe Church tried one Robert Ros de Clutton a Vicar of the Cathedral for incontinence. The said Robert confesses that he

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has committed the offence in Wells but not elsewhere; he is suspended for half a year from receipt of any of the revenues of Clutton. On the 14th of the month the same Robert in the Church of the Hospital of S. John de Bruges begged the Bp's. official John de Carleton to change the punishment, and he with the consent of John de Middelton consented to do so.

fol. 67 in dors. On Oct. 9 the same J. de Middelton in Evercrich Church tried Henry Payn of Evercreech "qui ibidem se purgavit."

Attestation of S. Trippe.

On Sept. 15, A.D. 1338. John de Middelton, Rector of Bloedon, and general commissary of the Bp. for the correction of offences sitting judicially in the Church of Banwell sentenced one Alice guilty of fornication at Blakeford, to walk with bare feet twice round the Church at Banwell.

This and another similar penance were carried out.

fol. 68. On April 2, A.D. 1339, in the Bp's. chapel at Woky it was objected to the above-named commissary, that he had infringed the Chapter's jurisdiction in the above proceedings. "Respondet quod ipse illos coram se fecit evocari super eo quod quidam ipsorum citatorum administrabant bona cuiusdam interfecti; et super commissis extra jurisdictionem Decani, et super illos qui pertinebant ad cognitionem dicti dn[i] Ep[i]."

On Dec. 28, A.D. 1337, the president of the Chapter, the Dean being absent, called upon Symon de Bristol the Chancellor to take an oath of obedience to the D. & C. He refuses on the ground that the Chancellor is answerable immediately to the Bp. and not to the D. & C. After some debate the said Simon took the usual oath that he would defend the rights, &c. of the Chapter.

On Sept. 13, A.D. 1333, the Bp. with the canons [named], and the proctor of Dean Richard de Bury, absent, in the Bp's. camera at Woky treated about the visitation. After much deliberation the Bp. promised to recall whatever he may have done which infringed the rights of the Chapter, and would only visit the members of the Cathedral through the Dean, &c.

fol. 69. On Dec. 10, A.D. 1337, the Bp. appeared in the Chapter for the purpose of making his visitation. After the Dean had handed in a certificate of the citation, certain of the canons addressed the Bp. and said "quod capitulum, &c., debent in persona Decani per suum Ep[m] visitari; sic quod non oportebit canonicos occasione examinationis faciende diutius hic morari, et statim omnes canonici . . . recesserunt de domo capitulari, exceptis Decano et canonicis illis qui fuerant familiares, commensales cum dn[o] Ep[o]."

The Bp. then interrogated the Dean upon certain articles touching the persons belonging to the cathedral, and he answered. The Bp. made particular inquiry about the revenues and their expenditure. The Dean answered that the revenues of Bornham Church were not devoted by the fabric as they should be; and also that the books and vestments needed repair.

Attestation of the notaries.

fol. 69 in dors. In A.D. 1339, the Dean Walter de London appeared in the Bp's. camera at Woky and said that the time within which he had been

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ordered to produce the statutes had not yet elapsed. He produced, however, the statutes of John de Godeles as at fol. 24, with an additional article printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c." p. 158, "Item quia a quam pluribus . . . canonice compellat."

Attestation of W. de Camel, &c. fol. 71 in dors.

On July 1, A.D. 1337, a question about the will of Thomas de Retford is tried before the Bp.'s commissary in Banwell Church.
The will is printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," p. 158.

On Nov. 20, A.D. 1337, Bp. Ralph collated to the chancellorship John de Middleton, rector of Shepton Beauchamp. fol. 71.

Attestation of S. Trippe.

March 31, A.D. 1339, about the hour of vespers, two messengers from the Chapter delivered to the Bp. in person in his hall at Woky, "unum panem, unum porcum, et unum utrem medone plenum," as due for half a year from the Abbey of Glastonbury to the church of Wells. The Bp. accepted them and ordered his servants to distribute them among the poor. fol. 71 in dors.

Attestation of Simon de Fareweye notary of Exon diocese.

On June 19, A.D. 1338, at Gypwich in Norwich diocese in the great chamber of John Irp's house in Sayntpetrestrete Richard de Bynteworth, canon of Wells and prebendary of Shaldeford resigned these preferments into the hand of Bp. Ralph of B. & W. fol. 72.

Attestation of Robert le Spicer notary of Sarum diocese.

On May 13, A.D. 1338, Robert atte Boxe appeared before Bp. Ralph in the chapel of the palace at Wells and took oath that he would give no aid to John de Acton, Knight, against the Bp., and that he would inform the Bp. if he should know of anything attempted against him, &c.

On Jan. 11, A.D. 1338, in the Bp.'s camera at Woky his official warned Robert de Espele perpetual vicar of Milverton to be obedient to the Bp. The said Robert promises obedience on oath "quantum de consuetudine et de jure tenetur, &c." fol. 72 in dors.

On July 9, A.D. 1341, Thomas de Haselschawe, junior, "vir literatus" met the Bp. near the road which leads from Chiw towards the road to Bristol and submitted himself to the Bp's. discipline.
The said Thomas was "nuper familiaris dn[i] Joh[s] de Shoredich, militis."

The Sub-dean, Walter de Hull and Canon John de Wambergh, sub-delegates of Archbp. John of Cant. have seen letters of Pope John XXII., sent out to the Archbp., on the petition of Bp. Ralph of B. & W., who has represented that his average revenue is not more than £20, so that he cannot without the temporalities of certain Churches maintain his position with decency, "et quod contingit interdum temporales proventus aliarum ecclesiarum Cathedralis illarum partium . a carissimo &c., rege illustri tenentur immediate cum earum prelati regiis mandatis jure canonico quamquam dissonis . . . . . parere recusant, de facto per curiam regiam consistere et ad manus postmodum regias pervenire." Wherefore the Bp. seeing that he has no place fol. 73.

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appropriated mense sue Episcopali, where he may lay his head, if, in the execution of the mandates of the holy see, or of the Court of Canterbury &c., "contingeret dictis carere temporalibus, prout alii Episcopi aliarum partium hactenus caruerunt," desires that the Church of Chiw may be appropriated to the see. The value is 50 marcs a year. The above Canons are to act as commissioners and inquire into the whole matter and take the evidence of all who are interested, and report. Given at Maghfeld, Sept. 2, A.D. 1341. The Church is appropriated. A long document which fills two closely written folios.

fol. 74 in dors. The beginning of a document relating to a disputed presentation to the prebend of S. Decuman's.

Great part of the page is cut off.

fol. 75. A form for the appointment of proctors to attend to the Church's business in the Roman Court.

fol. 75 in dors. Acknowledgment by the Chapter of the receipt of a letter from King Edward communicated to them by Bp. Ralph concerning the Prebend of S. Decuman's, which it seems had fallen vacant during the vacancy of the see on the death of Bp. William de Marchia.

fol. 76. On March 8, A.D. 1349, the proctor of Bernard Brocas presented to the Bp. at Wyvelescumb a royal brief with the presentation of the prebend of S. Decuman's to the said Bernard, and prayed the Bp. to execute it. The Bp. excused himself on the plea of having much business on hand, and appointed Dean Walter de London to act for him. The said Bernard is instituted and admitted to a stall in the choir.

Attestation of William de Modbury, notary of Exon diocese.

Another document of the same date and similar to the above, about St. Decuman's.

fol. 77. Another (very faint) about the same appointment.

fol. 77 in dors. Two more entries about the same appointment. All very faint.

The parchment documents end here and the rest of the book, consisting of some 300 paper folios, contains the Chapter Acts in an unbroken series from A.D. 1487 to A.D. 1513.

The first five folios have been torn out, but a portion of a marginal note shows that the first entry was about the admission of . . . of Wellow to be an altarista in the Cathedral.

fol. 6. Andreas Grantham perpetuatus est in Cantaria sua, is the first complete entry.

Each year begins with Collationes Prioratum, Cantariarum, Officiorum, in domo Capitulari Eccl^e Cath. Wellen, &c., &c. These annual lists are printed in tabular form in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," p. 241.

A.D. 1487.

The Dean John Gunthorpe appointed to represent the Chapter in business transactions.

Forty days grace allowed to certain residentiaries. This and the next entry partly torn off.

Feb. 3. Appointment of proctors to a convocation in S. Paul's.

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The Chapter at the request of Bp. Robert appoint Thomas Goldweyge to the Vicarage of Cheddre. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

On Feb. 23 the Vicars Choral report that W. Allen lately admitted has born himself well and has a sufficiently good voice, &c. The Chapter confirm him for one year, and give him an auscultor "ut est moris." fol. 6 in dors.

March 2. John Tiglys installed as prebendary of Combe XIIII.

This entry much torn and crossed out.

Admission by the Chapter of Richard Childe to the chantry of Bp. Erghum at the altar of S. Edmund in the nave on the presentation of John Vowel. fol. 7.

April 9. The D. & C. [the Dean has been absent till now] grant the presentation to the vicarage of Cheddre, vacant by the death of Thomas Marsh, to Canon John Vowel, on the special request of King Henry.

On the same day a canon and a vicar choral are appointed master of the new building in New strete, to carry it out.

John Austell appointed Chapter Official on the same day.

April 18. The D. & C. and the Abbot of Athelney agree to submit their differences about land in North Cory to the decision of two ecclesiastics and two laymen.

An entry crossed out but repeated more fully on the next page. fol. 7 in dors.

Chapter Acts with reference to the violation of their statutes and customs by the installation of Richard Worthyngton as prepositus and prebendary of Combe XII. by virtue of a mandate of Bp. Robert.

April 19. The Chapter communicate with Hugh Sugar the Treasurer "super injusta et furtiva installatione . . R^di^. Worthyngton," and determine to call upon the Bp. pro reformatione eorundem.

April 20. The chapter, Hugh Sugar alone being absent, sign the letters to the Bp. and unanimously engage to observe and defend all Chapter privileges, protesting at the same time that they do not seek to infringe the Bp.'s rights.

They also appoint some of their number to be their proctors in this matter. fol. 8.

A Provocatio ad papam is read, and the Chapter appoint two of their number to obtain the third key of the Common Seal from H. Sugar.

April 21. The proctors report that they have asked for the key in the presence of many witnesses, but that H. Sugar refuses to deliver it up.

April 24. John Monyman, a vicar choral, the proctor of the Chapter, immediately after the chanting of prime, read to R. Worthyngton in his stall the monition and protest of the Chapter. fol. 8 in dors.

Printed in "Wells Cathedral, &c.," p. 164.

April 27. The Chapter appoint William Corbet chaplain of the Hospital of S. Saviour, &c. in Wells.

April 28. Perpetuation of John Gyles, vicar choral. fol. 9.

"Et quia idem J. propter infirmitatem psalterium corde tenus non reddidit ut est moris, decanus monuit . . . ut infra breve redderet dictum psalterium sub pena incumbente."

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May 2. The Chapter grant to Richard Hygons instructor of the choristers an augmentation of 26*s.* 8*d.* a year for life.

May 3. Robert Botler admitted as a canon and to the prebend of Hengestridge.

May 8. Admission by the D. & C. of John Combe a vicar choral to the stall of the prebend of Compton Ep[i], "ad ipsorum collationem jure devoluto."

fol. 9 in dors. May 12. The Chapter recount to Canon John Vowel all that has been done in the case of H. Sugar and R. Worthyngton and he assents to it.

May 19. The D. & C. agree that pending the suit with R. Worthyngton the third key of their common seal shall not remain in the hands of H. Sugar, although he is the senior residentiary, and that he shall not act as president of the Chapter when the Dean and Sub-dean are absent.

fol. 10. On the same day leave of absence is given to J. Vowel until Michaelmas that he may attend to this business before the king.

May 22. Ratification of the last.

May 24. The D. & C. bind themselves to pay the third of the rent of a mill at North Cory to the Exors. of R. Swan, late prepositus.

May 25. The Chapter allow to the Dean six oaks from their wood at Wynescomb for his building at Bytesham.

fol. 10 in dors. Leave to J. Vowel to remove an old building and rebuild within two years.

June 1. John Jenyn admitted as a vicar for one year, &c.

The next four entries relate to the case of R. Wothyngton and are printed and described in "Wells Cathedral, &c." p. 166.

The rest of the entries in the Liber Ruber are of a nature similar to the above examples, and are for the most part sufficiently described in Appendix M. of "Wells Cathedral, &c."

But it has seemed desirable to add here a few of the more important or interesting entries which are either omitted or given very shortly in that volume.

fol. 67. Oct. 17, A.D. 1497. The Prior of Bruton appeared in the Chapter to explain the non-payment of the pension due on their appropriated Church of Chiltren Dummer. The rectory had become impoverished, they say, per defectum arationis terrarum arrabilium, et propter sterilitatem earundem in prasenti et diu ante hac dicta rectoria fuit in tanta exilitate, quod dicta summa 8 librarum . . . . penitus levari non poterit . . . . et quod ita fuit per spatium 40[a] annorum et ultra, et quod hoc fuit per negligenciam parochianorum . . . . pro clausaris terrarum arabilium per ipsos factis.

A commission, consisting of John Dyer, rector of Higham; John Peny, rector or vicar of Milton Podemore; and Ægidius, or Giles, rector of Kylmyngton, is agreed upon to make inquiries, and the following letter is written.

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Right Worshypfull we commaunde us to you and where a variance and trouble as yet depends betwixt us the Dean and Chapitre of the Cathedrall Church of Welles of oon parte and the prior and convent of Bruton of the other parte, we the foresaid both partes desyring to have knowlieg of the true valor of all maner comodities profectes and fructes in any wyse belongyng as well to the parsonage of the churche of Children Dummer as to the vicarage of the same, have compromised to you by us the forsaid parties chossen indifferently to make a due inquisicion in the said church, as wel by the inhabitants ther as other such persones as have best knowlieg in that behalf. Where ffore we pray you and ich on of you to take the labour to go to the said church som day this nex weke to make a due inquisicion on that behalf as afforesaid, and that doon to certifie us of all such as ye shal fynde, and that it will lyke you that the parishioners may be warned to awayte upon you at such tyme as ye shal apoynte. And that ye will acertayne us of the said day be you to be apoynted to be ther to thentent that such provision may be made for you ther as shal aparteyne. And thogh this be payneful for you your labours and peynes shalbe remembred, and we both parties aforesaid as glad to do at moche for your and ich of your pleassour in things that we may do hereafter, &c.

On July 3, A.D. 1498, Dr Richard Hatton, Canon of Wells, came into the Chapter House as the messenger of the king at the hour of vespers, and said that the Deanery being vacant the king wished [voluit et effectavit] the Chapter to place the election in his hands; further that it was his intention to nominate one of their own body, a doctor; and also he proposed that if the chapter wished to deliberate on this matter rather than consent at once to the king's wishes, that at least they should not proceed to the election until the king should have had sufficient notice of the day appointed for the election. To the first the Chapter answer that very many of the Canons are absent from Wells in many parts of England, that they must be summoned and that the election cannot proceed without their consent, it is not possible therefore to agree to the king's wishes. Also they reply that the Chapter cannot proceed to an election without licence from the Bp., and that they cannot for this reason also give any answer at present. fol. 69.

A letter missyve sent to My Lord of Wynchester by the Brethren of Chapitre. fol. 114 in dorse

Right reverend fader in God an to us moste singuler gode lord in our mooste humble wyse we recommende us. Please it the same to understande howe that dyverse of the Brethren of our Chapitre were with your officers at our myll of Northcory and ther hard the gretes and complayntes which your tennants made, and wher as it is thought by theym that our said myll shulde be the occasion of the grete floods and drowning of the medews which in our mynde was not thought possible to be. Nevertheless to have you good lord unto us as ye have ever been and also to cesse theyr clamours we shalbe contented to lose a quarter Rent. And for that tyme to cause the floodgats of our said myll to be pulled up, so that the water shall have his full course, wherby it shal appere hereafter whether that our myll be the occasion of eny suche floods and drownyng of the medews. And as for bote passage your said officers knowe right well that in all the said season the water was so lowe and so many shelpes and bayes in the ryver betweene our myll and Taunton that it was not possible to convey eny bote that way. And in the wynter season the medewes be so filled and replenyshed with water that the boots may go over at every place so that they shal

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not be lett by the myll. My Lord these things considered we trust that ye wull contynue as good lord nowe unto us as ye have been beformer tyme. And thus the holy Trinite contynue you accordyng to your noble desires.

fol. 115. ffrom Wells iiiith day of November.

By your dayly oratours the brethren of the Chapitre of Wells.

A letter from the Chapter to the Prior of Montacute informing him of the complaints made to the Bp. of Winchester against "our mill and your miller," and of the proposal which they have made as above.

fol. 116 in dors. A letter from Dean W. Cousyn to the Chapter.

Right honorable brethren I recommende me unto you certifying you that according to your mynds concluded in the Chapitre I have spoken with my Lord of Winchester for our myll, and have moved hym both with resons and prayers to be good lord unto us for the said myll, but in noo wyse I can not have his lordshipp at no conclusion but that he will have downe the bay of stone made by the prior. And at one season he said he wold be content to Remytt his action but he wold have a commission of sheywers by the reason whereof he said he was sure to have his mynde. And after my porre mynde it were better to putt the matter into gentilmens haunds then to laborying men of the cuntrey for they do speke upon will and make a grete clamour without reson as ye may knowe opynly by the copy of a bill the which I send you by my servant, the which my lord of Winchester toke me to rede, and I in the moste haste I cowde make caused it to be wrytten and gave xxx^{d} therfore to thentente ye shulde knowe the complaynte, and also the doblenesse of the prior of Mountacu or ells of his tenannts. Wherfor after this my writyng with the copy of the complaynte I prey you send me your mynde howe ye wold I shuld doo and whedder I shuld conclude uppon a commission of the sheywers or upon gentilmen of the cuntrey to the which I thynk it wilbe hard to be brought. And as towchyng the openyng of the floode gats as yet I can not bryng his lordshipp to apply therto for he seith that he will not beleve his trusty counsell in saying nay, and me nor none of us in saying soo. Wherfor in this matter I pray you send me your mynds and the best I can doo possible I shal do. And if I may I shal cause hym to bee content to prove the experyence of the plukking up of the floode gats, but as yet I can not have hym at no conclusion nor I thynk shal not tyll the season mayster ffroste be come to London. The which was not come as this day at nyght at the whych season I spake with my lord of Wynchester as God knoweth who preserve you. Wrytten at London the xiiith day of November with the hand of your brother William Cousyn, Deane of Wells.

I pray you kepe the copy of these complaynts as secretely as ye can for if it were knowen that I did copy theym it mygte peraventure turne to my rebuke.

fol. 117 in dors. The Chapter answer that if their proposal of pulling up the floodgates is not accepted, that then they are willing that the Bp. may at his own will decide whether the matter shall be settled by sheywers or by certain gentilmen of the country.

There have been great floods, as there have been time out of mind, but no drowning of the country. Nov. 18.

fol. 118. The bill of complaint addressed by the tenants of the tithing of Ruysshton to the Bp. of Winchester.

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A similar complaint from the men of Taunton. Time out of mind they have had free passage upon the water of Toon, Bathepole myll, and Brigewater, for all manner of merchandise, until the building of Ham myll. This is now stopped, and in default of this in the winter season we can have no carriage the ways be soo foundered by overflowing of the water, and that is "better chepe by 11s then the cariage is to cary by land." fol. 118 in dor.

The piteous complaint of the tenants near the mill. fol. 119.

A report made to the Bp. of Winchester. fol. 120.
Printed in "Wells Cathedral," &c., p. 218, but the words "the said infamy," "and before all," "of the measures," "no way will," should be "the said measur," "and before allalowetyde," "of the nusances," "no man will."

A letter from the Chapter to Cuthberte Clawsy and John Birt of South Petherton. Feb. 9, A.D. 1505. "ffrends bothe. We recommende us. So it is we be infourmed that a certeyn tennant of ours withyn our lordship of Gregory Stoke is departed unto God by a mysfortune of his ploughe, by reson whereof the enquyr of his dethe apperteyneth unto us accordyng to our liberties and ffrauncheses which we have within the said lordshyp." They therefore desire the said men not to meddle with their rights, which they will defend. fol. 123 in dors.

Letter from Mr Beamont, Archdn of Wells to the Chapter. A.D. 1506. fol. 126.
After due recommendation. So it is that uppon Monday the last day of Aprile, Mr Deane and I spake with my lord of Wynchestre. The cause why we spake with him no sooner was for his beyng at his Manier of Assher, wher he gave ondres on passion Sonday eve. When we hadde moved hym in suche maters as we come for we found hym somewhate roughe saying that he was dyvers tymes mysenformed by us. And that the King on the oon part partie suffred wrong by reason of the stoppyng of his commyn streme, and also that his tenants were grevously hurt by the reson of our myll, with as soft manner and word as we cowde pacified his mynde for the tyme. The morne after we were with hym agenn and then he shewed us howe it was reason for hym as well to give credence unto his counsell as to us, and that he wolde speke with theym in the cause. Neverthelesse he gave us gentil and kynde words lyke a nobleman, but as yet we have not our fynall answer. Ye wolde wondre what causes he hathe to do and therefore we muste abyde his leyser.

As to Mr Hatton we have not as yet spoken with hym, but have dyverse tymes sought hym, and also made messyngers unto hym, which have spoken with hym. And as we can understand he proposeth to couple us with the King's counsell in this matur, which we wolle avoyde and if we can to the best of our powers. We have moved my lord of Wynchestre in this cause and he will not moche mell theryn because it toucheth the Kyng, hys mynde is we shulde not be hasty upon the said Doctor Hatton but to take hym at tymes convenyent and to handle hym as wysley as we can.

We have in lykewyse made serche in the Chancery for the ammortysment of Alverton and as yet we cannot fynd it. The VI. clerks of the said Chauncerye be so besyed in the Kyng's causes that they can attend no pore men yet. I assure you by ther licence Humfrey my

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servant hadd a sight of oon boke ab anno VI° Henrici sexti usque annum XVIII. ejusdem. Ye must pardon us thoughe we can make no perfite answere to you at this tyme. And thus our Lord spede both you and us. Written at London this ffriday third of Aprile. Your brother Thomas Beaumont.

fol. 127 in dors. Letters from the Chapter to the Dean. A.D. 1506.

Right Worshipfull Mr Deane. We brethren of the Chapitre of Wells commende us unto you thanking the same for your letter and labours that ye have hadde aboute our matters, so it is ye have sent us the copy of the privey seel that ye must apper by, &c. If it so be that it be for eny matter of your owne we knawe ye can answer for yourself. And in case it be belongyng and touching us of the Chapitre, then our mynds bee that ye shuld desire copyes of such matiers and things as been layde agenst us. And that ye may have reseonable space and leyser to com and common with your brethren here at Wells and to have ther mynds and at a certen day reseonable by you assigned thay shal have answer in such matiers as they lay and propose agenst us by God's grace who ever preserve you.

From Wells iiii^th day of Maye. By the brethren of the Chapter of Wells.

fol. 128 in dors. Letters from the Chapter to Mr Richard Hatton. A.D. 1506.

After due recommendation, so it is that John Ustwayte co-exor. with you unto the right honourable Maister John Gunthorpe, whose sowle God pardon, sheweth unto us howe that the King's grace demandeth of you and hym cc marks for the benyvolence accordyng as ye have written unto us afor tyme. And that neyther ye nor he can fynd remedy or discharge for the same. Wheruppon he thynketh that the King's grace will have this money contented unto him or ells that by your meanes ye may fall to some compromyse with the commissioners for the same. And by cause as ye bothe affirme that ye have disposed the goods of the same Mr Gunthorp and have not to content or to paye any suche somes of money of his goods left or remaynyng in your hands, the said John Ustwayte with good mynde hath instantly moved us that we wold be contributorie unto the payment of the same by parte of suche lyvelode as the said Mr Gunthrop gave and amortysed unto our Churche. Maister doctor this it is. We knowe well and considre the good and faithfull mynde of this honorable man departed, howe he purchased this lyvelode and theruppon for the helthe of his soule at his grete labour and coste and by reason of a certeyn graunte made unto us by the King's grace sufficiently amortesied the same as we have to shewe by our writyings. Nevertheless as the said John Ustwayte hathe amoved us seyng that ye have not of his goods to content the King's grace but that ye must levy hit of suche lands as he left to his kynfolke and gave unto us, we must for a season surcesse of suche suffrage as we dayly doo for hym. And so to take a portion yerly of his said lyvelode towards the payment of the same some. And the remanent to remayne for his masse and obite. Sir we trust considerying the grete mynde and favour he hadde unto you, remembryng also ye be oon of the brethren of our Churche that ye will take of the same lyvelode for the tyme as litle as ye may. And thus orderyng yourself we shalbe as gladde to folowe your mynde as ye shal desire us, praying you that ye will give credence to our brethren berers herof in that they shal move unto you in our behalf, to whom we geve full auctorite to conclude with you for this matter and other we have to do. And thus Jhesu have you in his blessed kepyng

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At Wells the xxx^th^ day of May. By your lovying brethren, Deane and Chapitre of Wells. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

To our welbeloved brother Mr Richard Hatton Chapelayn to our sovereigne lord the king.

Letter from the Chapter to T. Rowthall, secretary to the King. A.D. 1506. After due recommendation, so it is that the parsonage of Pokechurch with the advocation of the vicariage in the diocese of Worcester and in your jurisdiction ever apperyd unto our Cath. Churche, your official ther at his visitation asketh and desireth to see our improperation and is very hard agenst us. Whidder he mult us in eny some of money or not we are not certyn. Sir we have the improperation after due ordre and forme of lawe, and have been in peasable possession of the same tyme out of mynde. Wherfore hertily pray you of your favour and that it will lyke you to send some letter to your said official commaundyng hym to cesse and not to make eny more besynesse in that behalfe. And we shal be gladde to do you the pleasure we can. And thus Jhesu preserve you. ffrom Wells iii^de^ day of Decembre. By the deane and Chapitre of the Church of Wells. fol. 137.

To the worshipfull Mr Thomas Rowthall secretary to our sovereigne lord the kynge.

Letter from the Chapter to the Bp. of Winchester. Jan. 19, A.D. 1506. fol. 140.

. . . . And where as we understand that by the meanes of your kynde and lovyng neec Maistresse Mylle and hyr husband ye are esspeciall good lord unto us towchynge the matur of our Mylles . . . . we thaunk your good lordship &c., &c.

Letter from the Chapter to John ffitz James the Elder or to his son in his absence, April 16, A.D. 1507.

After dewe recommendations. It is not unknowen to you of the Commission which ye were named to sit uppon at Taunton for the matier betweene my lord privy seal and us towchyng our myll at Northcory, ye knawe also right well that at the tyme of your syttlyng ther was neyther verdyte opynly geven nor yet sentence orderyd by you nor by the other commissioners, but that both ye and they at that tyme weir contentyd to take respyte in the same matier.

The Chapter then thank him for the favour then shown to their brother John Edmunds, and inform him that they now understand that a scire facias has been directed to the Sherive on the authority of M^r^ ffroste alone, "wherof with muche peyne we have gottyn withyn these three or foure days." They ask for his opinion and advise.

Letter from John the Prior of Montague to the Chapter. The Archd^n^ and the Steward of Wells had been to "our pore place" to have friendly communication about the mill. The prior had made no direct answer then because he had not taken advice, but had sent answer shortly afterwards by the Prior of Kerswell. And appointment had been made for a meeting at Cory, "and thidder I came," but the Chapter did not keep the appointment and the matter was put off until May 1st in order that Mr Mylles might look into it. He desires to know what they think best to be done. Written on Sonday. fol. 143.

The Chapter's answer to the last. fol. 143 in dors.

They intend "to pull up suche thyngs as we bee commaunded to doo by the kyngs commaundment."

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The Chapter to Richard Philips, under shereffe of Somerset. Given at Wells on Wytsonday in haste. A.D. 1507.

fol. 144. They have obeyed the writ to remove the building made in the water of Tone, and beg him to come and inspect the place.

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From John Gunthorpe, Dean of Wells de benevolentia sua propria £106 13*s.* 4*d.*

Upon two tallies for the Archdeaconry of Dorset and the Diocese of B. & W., in ready money 40 marcs, from the collectors of the tenths in the said Archdeaconry £40, from those of the said diocese 100 marcs; Total £133 6*s.* 8*d.* J. Clerk.

"This bill witnesseth that I Thomas Pierson deputie to Sir Raynold Bray, knight, Tresourer of the kyngs warres have receyved of Maister John Gunthorpe, Clerk, deane of Wells in Redy money XL marcs in party payment of CC marcs of his benevolence grannted to the kyngs grace towards his grete viage in to his Reaume of ffraunce.

"Item I have receyved of him II tallies levyed at the kyngs Receipt pro denariis mutuatis of the collectors of the dymes of the Archdeaconry of Dorset and of the diocese of Bathe and Wells, conteynyng CVIli. XIII^{s} IIII^{d}, to be hadde of the said collectors for the perfourmyng of his sayd graunte if it may be hadd in convenyent tyme for the forsayd cause of graunt. In witnesse wherof to this bill I have subscribed my name the XXIIII day of ffebruary Anno regni regis Henrici VII^{mi} VII°.—T. Pierson."

fol. 146. fol. 146. "VI die ffebruar. Somerset. De collectoribus unius Xme Regi a clero anno VI° concesse in diocesi B. et W, de eadem X^{a} C marc.

"Pro Magistro J. Gunthorp, clerico, pro denariis ab eo mutuatis XVIII° die Maii ult . . . per manus proprias XVIII die ffebruar; Dorset. De coll. unius Xme Regi a clero anno VI° concess in Archid. Dorset de eadem X^{ma}, XLli . Pro J. Gunthorp, clerico pro denariis ab eo mutuatis XIX° die Junii anno V^{o} per manus proprias.

"In scaccario dn^{i} Regis, Somst. De Coll. unius Xme Regi a clero anno VI° concess in dioc. B. et W. de eadem Xme, LXVIIi. XIII^{s} IIII^{d}.

"Alloc. [Mich.]? sexto die ffebruar anno VII° Henrici VII^{mi} pro Johanne Gunthorp clerico pro denariis mutuatis.

"Dorset. De Coll. unius Xme Regi a clero anno VI° concess in Archid. Dorset de eadem X^{a} XLli.

"Alloc. [Mich.?] XVIII° die ffebruar anno VII° Regii Henrici VII^{mi} pro Johanne Gunthorp clerico pro denariis mutuatis."

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Grant to them of Tholl and Theam, &c., &c., preter attachiamenta de placitis corone; on the condition that the said two Churches answer to the Bp. for all these dues, as they would to the Crown. fol. 1 in dors.

The Crown will also confirm grants made by the Bp. All the tenants of these Churches are to be free de omnibus juratis et assisis et recognitionibus . . . . preterquam in attingendis propriis dominicis nostris . . . . si opus fuerit . . . . infra comitatum ubi manentes fuerint.

If any of the men of these Churches, or of Glastonbury, shall have incurred the penalty of the confiscation of goods as a fugitive from justice, or of loss of life or limb, his goods shall belong to the Bp.; as also all fines which otherwise would have belonged to the Crown.

Test. Waltero Karleoensi, thesaurario nostro; Thom: Norwic. Epis.; Huberto de Burgo, comit Cant. justiciario; Godefrido de Cracecumb, Seneschallo; Hugone, dispensatore; Henrico de capella, &c. Dat per manum . . . . Radulfi Cicestr: Epi., Cancellarii apud Oxon. 14° die Julii, anno regni 15°. fol. 2.

A similar Charter by King John, given at Taydyngton, March 3. Anno regni 8°.

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1. Two-thirds of the fruits of one year of a prebend vacant by death to belong to the Canons; they shall perform the proper services for the deceased during that time. The remaining third may be disposed of by the will of the deceased prebendary. fol. 3.

2. Every canon to pay a tithe of his prebend to the Church cui juxta ejusdem prebende territorii situm jure dare debuerit. With a special warning against any undue favouritism to friends or relations, &c., which may injure the prebend, such as, *e.g.*, might arise from the conversion of the terra rusticorum . . in liberum servitium. If any one find that such has been done he is to use his best endeavours to remedy it.

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fol. 3 in dors. Carta Edwardi regis de restitutione libertatum subtractarum in diversis locis in hundredis de Wynterstoke; Ceddre; Yatton, et Chyu. Given at Westminster. July 12. Anno regni 9°.

fol. 4. Confirmatio bonorum Eccle: per Rogerum Epm. They consist of the Manor and Church and Hundred of Northcury; with the land of Hach and Wrentisse, by the grant of King Richard, &c. The Manor and Church of Wynescomb, granted by Bp. Josceline in dedicatione Eccle:

The Church of Luvyngton and one Hide of land with a Messuage.

The Churches of S. Cuthbert's, Wells; of Lydyard; of Cungresbyr; of Mudiford; and of Ceddre.

fol. 4 in dors. Also a Pension of 100 solidi from Karempton Church; of 35 Marcs from Chynton Church; of 40 solidi from Staweja Church; of 60 solidi from Nuny Church; of 40 from Norton sub Hamedon Church; of the half of Whytechurch Church; of 2 solidi from Brunfield Church; also the custody and fruits of vacant prebends; and two-thirds of the fruits of vacant benefices throughout the diocese; a barton in Wells for the Communa at a rent of 12 pence to the Archdn. The Chapter has also all fines and forfeitures which might be due from any of their tenants, &c. to the Crown; and the power of Excommunicating all who infringe their rights in any way.

fol. 5. It has also 40 solidi a year from Banewell and Westbury Churches, payable by the Prior of Bruton, for the provision of a wax candle to burn before the High Altar; and three other candles to be provided by Radulf Martre's lands in Dultingcote, by the grant of Bp. Robert, in dedicatione veteris Eccle:

Ten marcs a year from Chyu Church; and 20 marcs besides from the prepositus of Cumbe for the daily services of the Blessed Virgin in the Cathedral; and another 10 marcs from the same prepositus for the daily services for the departed in the Cathedral.

Three marcs from Chyuton Church for the light of the Blessed Virgin. Also they have houses in Wells from Radulf Preciosus; from Lambert; from Canon Roger; and the houses which had belonged to Reginald of Waltham given by the said Roger for the Schools. Also houses from Canon Richard de Attebyre; and from Canon Elyas.

fol. 5 in dors. There is also a payment of two marcs made by the Archdn. ad octo cereos in scabellis crucifixi desuper altare S. Andree; and one of 60 solidi for the obit of Dean Peter, &c.; for which the exors. of his will have made over to the Bishoprick the land of Merlegh in Woky Manor. 100 lb. of wax from Weston Church, and also a small piece of ground near the houses of Canon Elyas, &c. Given at Staweia in the parish of Chyu, Aug. 13. A.D. 1246.

fol. 6. Confirmation of the last by the Prior, &c. of Bath.

fol. 6 in dors.

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fol. 8.

Ordinatio Joscelini Epi. super mutatione commune canonicorum et vicariorum de pane in denarios. The Bp. is to have 8*d.* a day pro communa, and 5*d.* pro pane, in lieu of the former allowance of 6*d.* and 4 white loaves. The Dean, Precentor, Archdn., Chancellor, Treasurer 8*d.* and 4*d.* in place of the former 6*d.* and 2 white and 2 black loaves. Other Canons 4*d.* and 2*d.* in place of the former 3*d.* and 1 white and one black loaf.

The Vicars who used to have only an allowance of 1*d.* from the Grange on every other day when they had been present at the services

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in the Church shall have 1*d.* each day. One portion of communa from the Grange is valued at 1*d.*
Given in the Chapter, Oct. 17. A.D. 1242.

Conf: Ricardi. Cant. Archiepi. super possessionibus collatis Eccle : Wellen : cf. I. fol. 21. fol. 9.

Carta Roberti Epi de divisione prebendarum. cf. I. fol. 31. fol. 9. fol. 9 in dors.

Carta Joscelini Epi. de libertatibus concessis Petro, Decano, et capitulo Wellen. cf. I. fol. 58–59. fol. 10.

Conf: Reginaldi Epi de libertatibus &c. cf. I. fol. 24. fol. 10 in dors.

Carta Rogeri Epi de sequestris ecclesiarum episcopatus. cf. I. fol. 64. fol. 11.

Consimilis Carta Willelmi Epi. At Wells. Dec. 13. A.D. 1246.

Carta Willehmi Epi de restitutione sequestrarum. fol. 11 in dors.

Carta Savarici de auctoritate indulta Wellen: Eccle: de Excommunicatione. cf. I. fol. 28.

Similar to last. fol. 12.

Carta Savarici Epi de exemptione prebendarum ab Archidiaconis. cf. I. fol. 28.

Carta H. de Wells, Archid: Wellen: super eodem. cf. I. fol. 29. fol. 12 in dors.

Carta Joscelini Epi de sequestris ecclesiarum vacantium ad opus commune. cf. I. fol. 59.

Consuetudines Sarum Eccle de Mortuis. cf. I. fol. 29. fol. 13.

Carta regis Ricardi de prebendis et terris de novo adquisitis, viz. the Churches of Pylton and South Brente given by Robert, Abbot of Glaston; of Hengestrigh given by Richard de Camvill; of Bokeland by Oliver de Dynham; of Estharpetre by Will. fil Will. fil Johs. de Harpetre; of Haselbergh by Will. fil. Willi.; of Scandeford by Hamo de Blakeford; of Compton and of Bronfeld by Gerbert de Percy, and Matilda Arondel; of Codeworth with the Chapel of Knolle by Alan de Fornellis; of Wythlakington by James de Monte Soreli; of Aulescomb by Josceline de Treiminet; of Bovy by Oliver de Tracy; of Holecomb and Lameia by Radulf fil Bernard; of Ceddre by the sisters Cristina, Alicia, and Sarra; of Tymberscomb by Robert de Bolevil; of Lideford by Radulf Wac; of Doveliz by Simon Bozun; of Karenton by Sth. fil David; the half of Waleton by Matildis de Chandos; the Church of Staweia by Alured de Puntford; of Berewe by Radulf fil Willi; of Werministre by Galfrid Talebot; half a virgate of land at Norham cum toto prato suo; the Manor and Church of Northcory by us. fol. 13 in dors.

Test. Walt: Rotomag: Archiep:; Hugone, Dunelm; Hugone Coventre; Eps.; Joh^{e} Decano Rotomag; N. Decano Cenoman; Robt. Comite Leic:; Will^{o} Com: Arundell; Will^{o} Marescall; Joh^{e} fratre suo; Hug: Bard: &c. Given at Canterbury by the hand of William Bp. Elect of Ely, Chancellor. Nov. 26 Anno regni primo. fol. 14.

Carta regis Henrici de quietancia tholonei facta Jocelino Epo. in the persons of the Bp., the Abbot and Monks of Glaston, the Dean and

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Canons of Wells, and the Prior and Monks of Bath and all their men, saving those tenants who do not hold of them in capite, &c.

Test. Ric: Dunelm Ep°, et Walt. Karleolen Ep°, thesaurario: Huberto de Burgo, Com: Cant: Justiciar; John de Munnemuth; Stho Segrave; Rad. de Trublevill; Hug. dispensatore; Henric. fil Aucker; Ric. de Gray; Henr de Capell; &c. Given by the hand of Rad. Bp. Chichester, Chancellor, at Fuleham. May 15, Anno regni primo.

fol. 14 in dors. Carta regis Johannis super eodem.

Test. Will. de Gray, Chancellor; Will. Bruer. Given at Marleberg Nov. 26. Anno regni nono.

Carta Edwardi filii regis Henrici de novo auxilio non prestando.

"Auxilium novum nobis ex voluntate domini nostri regis provisum." Given at Bristol, Dec. 10. Anno regni patris nostri 52°.

fol. 15. Privileg: indult: Epo. Bathon: per Henricum regem. Inspex: by Robert Bp. of Sarum; W. Bp. of Exon, and W. of Wygorn of the above named grant made to Bp. Joceline viz. the patronatus of the Abbey of Glaston, and that the Abbots are to receive from the Bp.'s hands the temporalia, que regalia appellarentur si ad nos pertineret patronatus. The Abbot is also to render to the Bp. the services due to the Crown. If the Abbey should fall vacant during a vacancy of the see, the Crown shall have the custody of it, so long as the see remains vacant, as in the case of other Abbeys of the realm, and an Abbot shall be appointed only with the assent of the Crown. But if the see is not vacant then the Crown has no rights in the abbey, but only the Bp. in whose custody it shall be
fol. 15 in dors. during the vacancy, &c.

Test. Ric. Dunelm:, Walt. Karleolen: Eps; Hilbt de Burgo Com. Cant:; Phil. de Albiniato; Rad. fil Nich; Godefr de Craucumb; Senescallis nostris, &c. Given by the hand of Radulf Bp. of Chichester, the Chancellor, April 25. Anno regni 19°. The Inspex: is dated A.D. 1242. in August.

Agreement made between the Church of Wells, and the nephews of Reginald the Precentor concerning lands in Wynesham, &c.

Carta H. de Penbrigg de eodem. Cf. I. fol. 36.

Littera Capituli Glaston super depositione Rogeri de fford nuper abbatis ibidem.

Have decided to proceed to the election of a New Abbot per viam
fol. 16 in dors. compromissi, and have chosen Adam de Bodekeleye, John de Ambresbury, Walter de Kabie als de Kaln, Adam de Domerham, and Walter de Tefunt, to elect. Feb. 18. A.D. 1255.

Inspex: by Robert Bp. of Sarum, W. Bp. of Exon, and W. Bp. of Wygorn, of the Charter of King John de patronatu Eccle: Glaston: Test. The Archbp: Cant; the Bps. W. London, P. Wynton, E. Eli. E. Hereford, H. Linc., and the Bps. Elect, W. Coventr. and R. Cicestr.;
fol. 17. The abbots W. Westmonast; R. de Ramen; H. de bello loco, and Reginald; The Earls W. Arundell, W. Warren, S. Wynton, W. de Ferrar, and W. Bruar, Robt. de Ros, John Marescall, Thom. de Erdyngton. Given by the hand of Ric. de Marisco, Chancellor, at Novum Templum, London, Jan. 9. Anno regni 16°. Inspex: A.D. 1242.

fol. 17 in dors. A similar Inspex: of the Confirmation by King John of the union of the Church of Glaston with that of Bath. Given at Novum Templum Nov. 21. Anno regni 16°. Inspex: A.D. 1242.

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Carta Edwardiregis Johanni de Drokensford Epo B. & W. de licentia acquirandi decem libratas terre, ad valorem decem librarum annuarum, and the advowson of one church, and to convey them to whom he will to form chantries, statuto . . . ad manum mortuam non obstante, &c. fol. 18.
Teste me ipso apud Westm: Nov. 8. Anno regni 14°.

Carta regis Edwardi de libertatibus concessis Eccle Wellen et ministris suis.
Sciatis quod cum celebris memorie dns. E quondam Rex Anglie pater noster, in primo parliamento suo apud Westm anno regni sui tercio inter cetera ordinavit . . . quod nullus blada aliqua triturare et ea vel victualia aut aliqua alia bona prelatorum. . . Rectorum Ecclesiarum. . . sub colore emptionis vel alio modo quocunque infra villam mercatoriam vel extra, nec etiam equos, boves, plaustra, carectas, naves aut batellos suos ad carigia aliqua inde facienda. asportare. . presumerent contra voluntatem illorum quorum forent. . . . under penalty of imprisonment and restitution to double the amount of the injury, &c., &c.
Many complaints have been made that the statute has not been observed by the King's Officers, they are therefore commanded strictly to abstain from all such proceedings, &c. fol. 18 in dors. fol. 19.
Teste me ipso apud Ebor. Nov. 24 anno regni 10°.

Quieta clamantia Abbatis &c. Glaston super ecclesia de Pokelchurche et diversis maneriis facta eccl: Wellen :. A long document of three folios, containing full details of the arrangement and the respective rights of the two parties.
Test. Philo. Basset; Robto. Anguilun. Robto. Walrond; Willo de Aete; Nicho. de Haveresham; Hug. Peverell; Rad. de Bagepuz; Willo. Bellet; Walto. de Burges; Nicho de Leuekenor; Willo. Everard; Rico. de Wyrecestr; Gaufr de Stawell, &c. fol. 21 in dors.
Given at Northampton June 7. Anno regni. H. fil. Johs. 50°.

Copy of Edward the Confessor's Charter to Giso. cf. I. fol 17.

Submissio illorum qui jus vendicabant in jure regni Scotie, facta Edwardo Regi Anglie. fol. 22. fol. 22 in dors.
Sealed at Norham on Wednesday after the Ascension. A.D. 1291.
Sent to Wells to be enrolled July 9. A.D. 1291.

Letter from the Chapter of Sarum cf. I. fol. 29.

Carta Regis Henrici de libertatibus ville Glaston cum insulis suis. fol. 23.
Given at Westminster. May 26. Anno regni 11°.

Final Concord between the D and C and Robt. fil: Will: Odde. cf I. fol. 13. fol. 23 in dors.

Similar to the last.

Carta feofamenti Rog. Huzet. cf. I. fol. 89. fol. 24.

Blank. fol. 24 in dors.

Carta regis Richard de Northcory. Cf. I. fol. 9. fol. 25.

Carta de seisina cf. I. fol. 9.

Charter of John de eodem. cf. I. fol. 9. fol. 25 in dors.

And two more with same references.

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Another de Mercatu. cf. I. fol. 9.

fol. 26. Confirmation. cf. I. fol. 10.

Charter of Stephen de Eccl: Northcory et Perreton. cf. I. fol. 11.

Theobald Archiep. de eisdem. cf. I. fol. 11.

fol. 26 in dors. Charter of Savaric de eīsdem. cf. I. fol. 11.

Carta de deafforestatione, Northcory. cf. I. fol. 10.

fol. 27. Confirm: by the Prior of S. Swythen, &c. cf. I. fol. 280. 281.

fol. 27 in dors. Carta regis Edwardi de libera Warenna in Northcory, Stoke et Hache.
Given at Wynton, Dec. 24. Anno regni 8°.

Carta regis E. concessa D et C. quod possint assignare centum acras more Abbati Athelynguy.
Teste me ipso apud Westm. July 12, anno regni 4°.

fol. 28. Charter of John de Northcory. cf. I. fol. 10.

Littera justiciarii Gaufr: fil: Petri de eodem.. cf. I. fol. 10.

Letter of Bp. Rainaud de eodem. cf. I. fol. 11.

fol. 28 in dors. Confirmatio Joscilini Epi de eodem. cf. I. fol. 30.

Quieta clamantia Margerie de Stoke de . . . terris in Northcory concess: Decano et Cap.

fol. 29. Convention concerning the same between Sibilla daughter of Simon de la Slo, nephew of Margeria de Stoke, and the D and C.

Convention between the D and C and Margeria de Stoke. Test: John de Aura; Ric: Tregoz vicar of Northcory; Adam de Meridon; Robt. de Meridon; Rog: de la Slo; Hugh Pymor; &c. A.D. 1247.

fol. 29 in dors. Charter of Thomas de Gynerny son and heir of Roger de Gynerny the second to Edward the Dean &c. granting lands in Northcory que aliquando fuerunt Cristine filie Thome de Bononia proave mee.—Test Phil: de Button; Simon le Peyntour; Ric: de London; Thomas le Chamberlayn; Rd. Dikedale; Wm. Blundell; John Annore; Phil. Canonn; John le Specer; Adam le Irmongere; Wm. de Mercer; Hen. de Wynton; John le Mercator; &c.

Carta Walteri le ffrie de homagio &c. Rici Butel in Northcory.

fol. 30. Charter of Richard le ffrie de terris in Northcory.

Charter of Walter le ffrie.

Two more charters by the same Richard and Walter.

The D. and C. and R. Gyan de Husbote. cf. I. fol. 62.

fol. 30 in dors. The D. and C. to W. Gyan de messuagio in Stokes. cf. I. fol. 62. A.D. 1264.

Inspex: by Will. de Elmham of the charter of his son Nicholas, cf. I. fol. 13.

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Scriptum Henrici fil: et hered: Henrici fil: Ingulfi factum D. et C. de terra Lamleg apud Stoke et una acra in Garstone apud Northcury. July 5, A.D. 1233. fol. 31.

Will. Sylven and Rad: Abbe de quadam manucaptione . . . pro terra in Meridone.
Mentions William son of the late Adam de Meridon, and Ascelina widow of Adam.
Test. the knights John de Acton; Walter de Ortiaco; and Ric. de Kam; Galfr. de la Slo; Thomas de Mere; Robt. Gyan, &c.

Agreement come to between the Prior &c. of Montacute and the D. and C. about a certain pasture called Westhaymore in Northcory Manor. fol. 31 in dors.
Test. the knights Robt. fil. Pagan; Henr. de Urnaco; John de Erlegh; John de Acton; Robt. de Sancto Claro; Gilbert de Bere; and Ric. de Nyweton; Gregor. de Welyngton; Will. de Reigny; Robt. Gyen; Hugo de la Hele; Walt. de Cam.; John de Knappe; &c. fol. 32.
Given at Wells, May 14. A.D. 1303.

Agreement come to between the Abbot of Athelyng and the D. and C. about certain pastures.
The Abbey yield to the D. and C. certain lands lying next to those of John de Aura, and they give to the Abbey a meadow in Leng.
Given in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin on Monday next after the Epiphany A.D. 1263; and an oath that it shall be duly observed taken by Canon Radulf de Lallington for the D. and C., and by brother Adam de Marisco on behalf of the Abbey. fol. 32 in dors.

Indenture between Abbot Robert of Athelney and the D. and C. about certain pastures &c. in Northcory Manor, &c. A.D. 1263.

Carta Roberti Abbatis et Conv: Atheling: de 80 acris alneti in mora de Northcory, receptis a D. and C. in compensationem unius batellate busci quam annuatim singulis diebus capere consuevimus in dicta mora sua de Stadmore passim ubi nobis placuit a festo S. Michael. usque ad Hokeday sequentes Blestiatum et katia de herbagio predictarum acrarum, &c. fol. 33.
Given in mora de Stadmore, Sept. 11, A.D. 1250. fol. 33 in dors.

Another agreement between the same about certain rights in the moor. A.D. 1327. fol. 34.

Agreement made before the Justiciaries Gilbert de Preston, Henry Tracy, Roger de Wicestre, William de Cobham, and William de Englefeld, at Ivelcestre, between John Golafre and the D. and C. about certain pasture rights in Wrentichford. fol. 34 in dors.
In Oct: S. Joh^s Bapt: Anno regni H. fil: Joh^s 40°.

Charter of Hugh Gundevill concerning the lands called Hunniland in Northcory quas malo consilio de ecclesia de Cury subtraxi. fol. 35.
Test. John de Bathon; Robt. de Gundevil; Hamelin de Gundevil; Gaufrid: Hibernensis; Eustace de Horsintone; William de Horsintone; Robert Marshall, &c.

Carta Johannis de Alra et Agnetis uxoris. cf. I. fol. 12. fol. 35 in dors.

Final concord. cf. I. fol. 13. fol. 36 & 36 in dors.

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Charter of Nicholas son of William de Elman about land at Lamleg. cf. I. fol. 13.

fol. 37.

Charter of Walter le Hundred to Edward the Dean and to the C. of a piece of land in Northcory called Fotacre.

fol. 37 in dors.

Scriptum D. et C. factum in modum indenture inter eos et Galfr. de la Slo, about an acre of land in Northcory. A.D. 1280.

Charter of Gilbert de Thorn to the D. and C. about 6 acres of wood in Thorn.

fol. 38.

Convention between the Lady Matill: relict of Odo de Wandestreo and the D. and C. At her earnest request the D. and C. allow her to have a chaplain to celebrate in the chapel newly built at Stade in the parish of Northcory, who shall first swear due obedience to the D. and C. and that he will not receive any oblation which may be due to Northcory church or Stoke chapel. Divine service in the said chapel is to be suspended whenever the Lady M. is absent from Stade, and altogether from the very day of her decease. Her heir acquires no rights from this concession. It is sworn to by the lady and by Oliver Avenel.

fol. 38 in dors.

Charter of Roger Huzet to the D. and C. about lands at Hunteham and Meridon. Mentions his uncle Robert de Stokes.

Ordinatio Vicarie de Northcury. Richard de Tregoz the vicar is to have all the vicarial tithes great and small preter garbas cujuscumque bladi sive in orto sive in agro, et preter decimas molendinorum. . . . piscariarum . . . feni . . . decimas de curiis. A.D. 1234.

Carta Gilberti Gule.—Cf. I. fol. 12.

fol. 39.

Final concord entered into before the justiciaries Robert de Brywes; Richard de Middleton; John de Bire; and William de Staunton, at Ivelcestre a die S Trinitatis in xv dies A.D. 1263, between the D. and C. and Galfrid de Scoland and Richard de Waleys, concerning lands in Northcory.

fol. 39 in dors.

Scriptum D. and C. factum Ricardo de la Well et Cecilie uxori de sex solidatis et octo denarratis redditus in Northcory. A.D. 1307.

fol. 40.

Submission of W. Colne that he has wrongfully destroyed the water-course to the mill at Knappe. Et ad majorem securitatem premissorum Willm. Gyan et Willm. Bostel inveni manucaptores. A.D. 1317.

Submissio Willelmi Gyan . . .

Submissio Willelmi Bostel.

fol. 40 in dors.
fol. 41.

Final concord entered into at the same date and place as the last and before the same justiciaries, only that John de Bire is now written John de Aure, between the D. and C. and John de Aure about rights in Northcory. A.D. 1263.

fol. 41 in dors.

Order of the King's Court in favour of the D. and C. against Robert the Abbot of Athelnye, Elyas Spelly and Richard Brice, with regard to certain pastures in the moor. A.D. 1386.

A similar order against John Beauchamp de Lillesdon, knight.

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Ordinatio Vicarie de Boklond, with institution of Galfrid de Merkesbury, by Bp. Ægidius of Sarum on the presentation of the Rector, Canon W. de Button. fol. 42.

Augmentation by the D. and C. of the vicarage of Modeford, on the petition of the vicar John de Tavestoke, by 40 shillings in addition to his revenue in domibus et ortis . . decimis de molendinis fullonicis et aquaticis, vivariis, warrennis, parcis, gardinis, pascuis et pasturis, et silvis ; et etiam in decimis de fetibus omnium . . . animalium, &c. &c. fol. 42 in dors.
Necnon in decimis de piscationibus, aucupationibus, mercationibus, venationibus, negociacionum lucris, et de carpentariorum, scissorum, fabrorum, texteriorum et pandoxateriorum ac quorumcumque aliorum parochianorum dicte parochie ecclesie artificis ac de bonis aliis juste acquisitis que inter dictam parochiam renovantur per annum provenientibus. Necnon in oblationibus mortuariis consuetis, legatis omnium parochianorum, . . . decimis garbarum et feni dumtaxat exceptis, &c. . . . . The vicar is bound to provide a priest to assist him, &c. A.D. 1340.

Final concord between R. Gyan and William de Luttleton, &c.— cf. I. fol. 258. fol. 43.

Inspex: by John Mohoun de Dunsterre of a release of his grandfather John de Mohoun to the D. and C. of all rights in Bikenalre. fol. 43 in dors.
Test ; John de Clyvedon, John de Erlee, Hugh de Langlond, Radulf de ffissure, Simon de Roche, John Brette, John de Derburgh, Will de Cumbe, &c.
Given at Dunsterre on Sunday next after the Feast of S. John ante port. Lat. A.D. 1330.
Confirmed at Dunsterre April 8. A.D. 1359.
Test; John de Kalee and Edward Stradlyng, knights; Thomas de Kale, John Roche, and Simon Brette, &c.

Boundaries between Wells and Glastonbury. fol. 44.

This indenture made at Wokey on Monday next after the nativity of S. John the Bapt: A.D. 1352 in the presence of Ralph Bp. of B. and W.; the D. and C. and Walter Abbot of Glaston. fol. 44 in dors.

Composition between the D. and C. and John the Abbot of Athelney as to certain rents and lands in Northcory made at the instigation of Peter de Courtenay, knight. fol. 45. fol. 45 in dors.
Test; Peter Courtenay, John Lorty, Robert Yevelton, knights; John ffitelton, Peter Yevelton, John Mountagu, Hugh Cancy, &c. fol. 46. fol. 46 in dors.
Given at Northcory, June 9. A.D. 1394.

Composition between the D. and C. and John de Cnappe of Northcury concerning certain mill rights. A.D. 1370. fol. 47.

Composition between the D. and C. and William Beauchamp Lord of the half of the Manor of Lillesdone and Stathe, concerning fishery rights in the Tone, . et de abscissione spatularum . . . crescentium in diversis moris, and pasture rights, &c. fol. 47 in dors.
Test; Thomas Broke, William Bonvill, Walter Rodenye, Baldwin Malett, knights; John Manyford, John Stourton, Thomas Stotwell, &c. A.D. 1402.

Composition between the D. and C. and John Beauchamp de Lillesdon, knight; Richard de Clyvedon, and Elyas Spelly (Richard is son and heir of Matthew de Clyvedon) concerning Saltemore in Northcury. fol. 48.

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Test; John ffypayn, John de Rodenye, Thomas Broke, John de Lurtye, knights; ffrancon Stolond, Peter de Yvelton, Hugh Cancy, &c. A.D. 1389.

A long document of three pages.

fol. 49. Composition between the D. and C. and John Aura. cf. fol. 40.

fol. 50. A long document of three pages, followed by a list of the tenants and their rents and services.

fol. 51. The list of the tenants of Newport about 49 in number, no one holding more than 5 acres and most only one, fills three pages.

fol. 52. Joh^{s} faber tenet 1 daynam terre ad terminum vite sue et uxoris de regali via, ex traditione domini Philippi de Odyham tunc seneschalli. Reddit per annum 6*d.* pro omnibus servitiis, et postea levavit in eadem dayna quandam fabricam.

Summa totalis of rents at Newport £2 10*s.* 9*d.*

Burnham.

Rentale tenentium personatus ibidem factum et examinatum per dominum Robertum de Perle, senescallum, Nich^{m} Gregory, Joh^{m} Mayhu, Joh^{m} Quyk, Robt: Quarine, Th: Peny, et Ed. Hulet, tenentes ejusdem personatus, in festo S. Margarete, A.D. 1392.

Joh^{s} Mayhu pro 12 acris terre edificat de antiquo astro	iiii.^{s}	
Ed. Huelet pro 3 „ „ „		xv.^{d}
P. Edins pro 5½ acris de overland - - -	ii.^{s}	ix.^{d}
Joh. Hervy pro 2 ac. terre edificat. de antiquo astro -	ii.^{s}	
Relicta Th. Snaylisham pro 6 ac. tr. de overlond -	iiii.^{s}	
Th. Peny pro 12 ac. tr. edif. de ant. astro - -	iiii.^{s}	
Idem Thomas pro 3 ac. tr. de overlond - -		xviii.^{d}
Joh. Quyk pro 12 ac. tr. edif. de ant. astro - -	iiii.^{s}	
Nich. Gregory pro 4 ac. tr. „ „ - -	iiii.^{s}	
Robt. Quarine pro 6 ac. tr. „ „ - -	iiii.^{s}	
Will. Marys pro 3 ac. et dim. tr. de overlond - -	ii.^{s}	
Ric. Peter pro 4 ac. „ „ „ in Huwich	ii.^{s}	
Joh. Mody pro 1 ac. „ „ „ - -		xii.^{d}
Walt. Hardyng pro 1 ac. „ „ - -		xii.^{d}

fol. 52 in dors. Compositio inter D. et C. et Abb. de Athelnye. About fishery rights in the Tone and certain rines, pasture lands, and tithes, &c. A.D. 1427.

fol. 53. fol. 53 in dors. Charter of Bp. Josceline about Wynescumbe. cf. I. fol. 50.

fol. 54. fol. 54 in dors. Compositio Vicarii de Pokelchurch. A detailed account of the provision made for the vicar John Manston, by the D. and C. of Wells as Rectors, upon the demand of Tydemann Bp. of Worcester.

fol. 55. Consuetudinarium tenentium Eccl^{e} de Northcory.

fol. 55 in dors. Fols. 55 and 55 in dors. are partly printed at the end of the Index Vol. A.D. 1876 of the Som. Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. Transactions.

f l. 59 in dors. The list of tenants fills 5 folios—

Mem. quod nullus homo de homagio predicto nisi sit liber potest habere nisi unum solum cotsetle, et si plures habuerit dominus habebit pro unoquoque 6*d.* excepto uno.

Mem. quod quando aliquis de hominibus domini nativis descesserit, unior filius ejus secundum consuetudinem manerii tenementum quod

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fuerit patris sui priusquam aliquis alius si jus ad eadem habeat, ita quod satisfacit domino pro ingressu habendo in eisdem, vidlt. ad voluntatem domini.

Summa totalis.			£	s.	d.
Solvend: ad 4^{or} terminos	- tenentes eccle: de gablo	-	4	17	11
„ ad gulam Aug:	- denarr: S. Petri -	-		1	3
„ in fest: Purif:	- de Moreryght -	-		1	5
„ in fest: Nat: B. Joh^{s} de leseselver	-	-			6
„ med: at Pasch: et med: at S. Mich:	- de Wodegablo		4		6

Solum ad festum S. Martini - Churset gallinarum 40
Churset frumenti I^{qr} 6^{bus}

Consuetudinarium A.D. 1314 according to the testimony of a jury of 10, named, chosen by the whole of the homage, and giving evidence on oath. fol. 60.

The Hundredarius is to receive and execute with certain assistants brevia regis, &c.

He shall have 4*d.* for every prisoner apud le Stochouse. Also the hundredpeny de quolibet homine vel garcione de hundredo intrante in assisam, &c.

His gestum at Christmas is to be two good white loaves of wheat, as much good beer as he likes to drink as long as daylight lasts, a good dish of beef with mustard, and another broweti de gallinis, and cheese. Enough fuel to cook his own and the allowances of the other tenants de antiquo dominico is to be given, and also enough for a fire to burn before them from their first coming to dinner until the evening; after dark they are to have a further supply of firing and two candles de assisa; and they may sit if they please and drink so long as the two candles burning one after the other shall last.

He also has two virgates of land and pasture rights, &c.

The Brevitor, the whose duty it is to execute the briefs, &c. holds half a virgate and a messuage, and pays 1 lb. of cummim. He must also attend the courts and serve their orders, &c. fol. 60 in dors.

Thomas de Mere has a virgate and a messuage. And he must come in white gloves and with a white rod in his hand to Kyngesmede to superintend the mowers, and also those who make the hay.

Simon de Domerham must serve in like manner. fol. 61.

Tenentes in Villenagio. fol. 61 in dors.

Robert de la Chambre the tenant of a half virgate among other services must come with his rod in hand to superintend the mowing and hay making in Kyngesmede, which is estimated to last for two days, and also the making of the mow. fol. 62. fol. 62 in dors.

He must serve as Prepositus or Berebritt.

The Berebritt has all allowances the same as the Prepositus save only the keep of a horse.

W. Brygge tenant of one ferdel must bring his own napkin, cup, and dish to the Christmas dinner, and may carry away in his napkin anything that is left. fol. 63.

And moreover he shall have for himself and his neighbours one wastell divided into three parts to play with at the old Christmas games, "I wastellum in tres partes cissum ad antiquos ludos natales cum dicto wastello ludendos." If he is impleaded in the King's Court about his land, "adjudicabitur per 12 juratores," as Robt de la Chambra (fol. 61 in dors) "adjudicabitur per pares, ut in alio placito."

William the smith holds one ferdel, makes the iron work of two carts, the iron and coals to be found by the lord, and shoes the lord's horse, "ad pedes anteriores."

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Custumarium de Wynescumb. A.D. 1290. 5 folios.

Mem.; the ploughing of one day is worth 2½*d.*

fol. 63 in dors. Ploughing one acre 4*d.* Harrowing 1*d.* Summagium 2*d.* Mowing 1*d.* a day. Carrying 4*d.* Reaping 1½*d.* Dayna ½*d.*

fol. 67. The tenant of a ferdell is called a fulingus.

fol. 67 in dors. The tenant of a half ferdell is called a Cotarius.

fol. 68. Some Cotarii hold only a messuage and 2 acres.

fol. 68 in dors. The parsonage receives from the tenants of two messuages and 7½ acres of land, 6*s.* 4*d.*

fol. 69. Indenture between the D. and C. and John Beauchamp cf. fol. 48.

fol. 69 in dors. Consuetudinarium Manerii de Hacche. 5 folios.

fol. 70. Amongst other services the villanus faciet domino unam cladem ad faldam de palis et virgis domini quas colliget, et habebit suum averocum, viz. 30 virgas cissas pro clade, valoris quar: ultra reprisam.

fol. 71. Habebit gentaculum, viz. panem et caseum.

The value of the Manor of Hacche is 16*l.* 15*s.* 3½*d.*

fol. 74 in dors. Bidesham manor. A.D. 1332.

The value of the Courts per ann., half a marc.

" " the Chacia in le Warthe, 8*d.*

5 acres of Rosetum are worth 25*d.*

The Capitagii, are 10 in number. The first pays ½ lb. of wax, the rest sums from 1*d.* to 12*d.*

Total Value 12*l.* 19*s.* 10½*d.* and ½ lb. of wax.

fol. 75. Consuetudinarium Nativorum ejusdem manerii.

Among the usual services veniet ad terram dominorum grapiandam per duos dies cum duobus hominibus, pretium operis obolum.

Summa valoris manerii 21*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.*, besides fines and heriots.

fol. 76 in dors. Extenta de Bikenalre.

The tenant pays 4[or] slabbes et dim. ferri, pretium 11¼*d.*, 2½*d.* each.

The Cotarii hold each a cottage.

fol. 78. There are 12 Capitagii nativorum who pay each 1 slabb ferri, and 2 capitagii liberorum who also pay each 1 slabb.

Summa valoris manerii 6*l.* 6*s.* 3½*d.* besides fines, &c.

fol. 79. Charter of Walter de Cadamo to Dean John de Godilee of the Manor of Knappe. A.D. 1306.

fol. 79 in dors. Many parcels of land, and their tenants are named.

fol. 80 and 80. A similar charter.

Final concord between John de Godelee, Hamelin de Godelee, whose agent is Elyas de Godelee, and Walter de Cadamo, about the Manor of

fol. 81. Knappe. A.D. 1306.

Carta regis Edwardi de licentia ingrediendi manerium de Knappe to Hamelin de Godeley on behalf of the Chapter notwithstanding the Statute of Mortmain.

Teste me ipso apud Lanercost Jan 22, anno regni 34°.

Carta H. senioris de terra de Cnappe data in escamb: pro terra de Whiteham quam illi de Charthous tenent.

Grants to Gilbert de Norfolk 8 liberate of land in Northcory, in exchange for the land in Little Witham which the king has given to the brethren de Chartosa, to be held by him of Gilbert Malet on the same terms as he held the lands in Witeham, viz.: 6 virgates in demesne for

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42 shillings, and in the same Manor Wolward and Meswold with one virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; and John and Richard and Garmund and Selebrith with one virgate at 12*s.* 4*d.* And Esegar and John with the same; and Edel a widow with the same; and Eva a widow and Ailward, and Aldwyn with 1½ virgate for 11 shillings, and at Huma, Thudric and Martin and Ordric Salet with one virgate at 12*s.* 4*d.*; and Rannulf de la hille and Richard and Balwin, with the same, and Hurdith and Robert Vela with the same; and Swein Vela with ½ a virgate and 5 acr. for 6*s.* 9½*d.*; and Edwy Borgeis, with a ferling and four denariats of land for 28 pence; and Osmar with one ferling for 2 shillings; &c.

Test: Richard Bp. of Wynton; Gaufr Bp. of Ely; S., Bp. of Chichester; Hubard, Archn: Cant.; Earl William de Mandevill; William de Aubeigni, Earl of Sussex; Ranulf de Glanvill; Patric de Chawort; Radulf fil: Steph, Camerarius; William de Stutevill; Robert de Stutevill; Gilbert Pipard; Robert fil. Bexii; Thomas fil: Bexii; William de Moiun; William fil: Ald; Gaufrid de Say; William Ruffus. fol. 82.

Given at Waltham.

Charter of W. de Cadamo to John de Godelee de redditibus et servitiis, &c. de Knappe. A.D. 1306. fol. 82.

Another Charter by the same to the same about Knappe.

Letter of the same to the same about his goods in Knappe.

Letter of the same to give possession to John de Godele. A.D. 1306.

Perambulation of Menedip Forest. A.D. 1298. fol. 83.
Printed in Collinson's Hist. of Somerset. Vol. iii. p. 58.

Perambulation of Selewode Forest A.D. 1297. Hist. Som. Vol. iii. p. 56. fol. 84.

Perambulation of Neracchich Forest A.D. 1297. Hist. Som. Vol. iii. p. 57. fol. 85.

Perambulation of Exmoor Forest. A.D. 1297. Hist. Som. iii. p. 57. fol. 85 in dors. fol. 86.

Charter of Walter Caam of Cnappe to Will. atte fferthyng about lands at Chaldewell in Cnappe. fol. 86 in dors.

Charter of William to Dean John de Godelee about the same. fol. 87.

Release of the said land to the Dean. fol. 87 in dors.

A copy of the Agreement between the D. and C. and the Abbey of Glaston: cf. I. fol. 185. fol. 88.

Quitclaim of Pokeleschirche &c. cf. fol. 19. fol. 89, &c.

Appropriation of Pokelchurch Church, valued at 880 Marcs, to the D. and C., by Pope Boniface. fol. 91.
May 10. The whole purposely much smudged over.

Appointment by the Chapter of two proctors for general legal matters. A.D. 1395. fol. 91 in dors.

Foundation of Bp. Ralph de Erghum's Chantry, by himself, at S. Edmund's Altar in the Nave of the Cathedral, of the value of £4, &c. fol. 92. fol. 92 in dors.
Given at Wyvelescombe. Jan. 20. A.D. 1398.

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Acceptance of the chantry by the Chapter, Feb. 8.
And confirmation by the Chapter of Bath. March 3.

fol. 93. Bp. Erghum's grant of the advowson of Pokeleschurch to the D. and C. 20 R. II.

fol. 94. Other documents about the same.
fol. 94 in dors.

fol. 95. Instrument declaring the manner of taking possession.
fol. 95 in dors.

fol. 96 & in dors. Confirmation by the Prior and Chapter of Worcester.

fol. 97. Charter of Bp. Josceline about the Manor and Church of Wynescumb, given by him at the dedication of the Cathedral. Canon Walter de Cusington, resigns it into the Bp.'s hands. A.D. 1241.

fol. 97 in dors. The first arrangement made about the Church of Wynescumb. A.D. 1241.

fol. 98. Inspex: by Bp. Roger of the grant by the Chapter to Walter de Cusington of the revenues of Luvington and Mudiford, in A.D. 1241.

fol. 98 in dors. Confirmation by Bp. Roger of the Charter of Bp. Josceline about Wynescumb.

fol. 99. Charter of Bp. Josceline about Wynescumb. cf. I. fol. 50.

Confirmation by King Henry to Bp. Josceline of the Manors of Wynescumb, Pucklechurch, Blachford and Cranemere with transference of certain Military services in Cranemere from Glaston: to the D. and C. Jan. 22. A.D. 1226.

Charter of Bp. William about Wynescumb, given at Dogmersfeld. Oct. 1. A.D. 1261.

fol. 100. Charter of Henry Lovesestre to Bp. Josceline about 4 acres in Wynescumb.

Charter of the same about a meadow given by him to the church of S. James, and to William de Kaynesham the parson of Wynescumb.

Charter by the same and to the same church, (when it was dedicated by Bp. Josceline on August 26, Anno pontificatus 30°) of a small wood.

Similar charter.

fol. 100 in dors. Charter of Robert de Sandford son and heir of Albretha who was the wife of Gilbert Wrench, to the D and C of a wood called Lovesestre's Scrobet, als. Cuytwinsewode. A was the daughter of H. de Lovesestre. Given at Ivelcestre in itinere, Gilberti de Preston, Rogeri de Wycestre &c. Anno Henrici fil: Johs. 40°.

Charter of Albretha. A.D. 1256.

fol. 101. Charter of Cristina Wrench daughter and heiress of Henry Wrench de Wodesberwe, widow, of half an acre to William de la Wye, vicar of Wynescumbe.

Charter of W. de la Wye about the same.

fol. 101 in dors. Test: Roger fil: Pagani; Thomas la Warre, Lord of Rolveston: Robert la Warre; Walter de Monteforti; Robert Malherbe; Knights &c.

Release by Philip Loveschest de Wynescumb. A.D. 1319.

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Agreement between the D. and C. and Galfrid de Molendinis about pastures in Wynescumb. A.D. 1307. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

The King to the Sheriff of Somerset. fol. 102.
The D. and C. have complained that Maurice de Berkele, Eva his wife, Thomas his son, and Maurice son of Thomas, have invaded certain rights of theirs in Wynescumb, &c.
Given at Ewelle. Feb. 3. A.D. 1307. fol. 102 in dors.

Letters patent appointing Hernicus de Stounton, and John Randolf to examine into this case. Given at S. Alban's June 16. A.D. 1306.

The case of the nephews of Precentor Reginald cf. fol. 15.

William de la Ford, junior has cut down two oaks on the boundary of his and the D. and C. lands at Wynescumb. It is adjudged by a jury on the spot that the trees belonged to the D. and C. and that W. is to pay to them 10 pounds silver, and restore the wood. A.D. 1325. fol. 103.

The Manor of Winscombe &c. conveyed by the D. and C. to the exors. of the Will of Dean Henry Huse, for the full term of three years, on the same terms as it was formerly held by William Burnell, prepositus of Wells, and firmarius of the said Manor. For this the said exors. have paid £200 sterling, and will also pay 10 marcs a year. A.D. 1306. fol. 103 in dors.

Similar arrangement about the Church. The D. and C. undertaking to provide for the obit of H. Husee.

The next folio is numbered 108. It seems to be merely an error, for there are not any folios missing.

The D. and C. appoint two of their number to represent them at an inquiry about to be held, at the instance of the Abbey of Glastonbury, by the papal commissaries the Abbots of Gloucester and Pershore, and the Prior of Evesham, about the Manor and Church of Wynescumb. A.D. 1246. fol. 108.

Order of Pope Innocent IV. About the respective rights of Bath and Wells in the Election of a Bishop. They are to have equal rights in the election. The installation is to take place in each church alternately. Both the names are to be used together as the title of the Bishop. fol. 108 in dors.
Given at Lyons. Jan. 3. Pontif. Anno 2°.
The whole of this entry smeared with red chalk.

Four folios here are cut out, but the paging, which is of much later date than the MS., goes on in unbroken order. fol. 109.

The D. and C. to the royal council, in the absence of the King, to ask for permission to proceed to the election of a Bishop. A.D. 1242.

Inspex: by H. de Tracy. cf. I. fol. 37.

Final concord made at Exeter before Josceline Bp. of Bath and Glaston: and Roger Cole, Robert Cardman, John de Briwes, and Osbert fil: Will: justiciaries, between the said Bp. and Henry de Tracy about the Advowson of South Bovi. The Advowson is to belong to the Bishop, and he grants to the said Henry and his heirs, quod participes sint omnium orationum que fient in Eccla: Wellen:. A.D. 1219. fol. 109 in dors.

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William de Ralegh, Treasurer of Exeter, to R. Bp. of Durham. He was present when the arrangement was made between J. Bp. of Bath, and Thomas Mauduit, and Nicholas Avenel and his son and heir W. in the presence of the said Bp. R, and remembers that though it was not inserted in the deed, that the Bp. of Bath expressly made mention of a sum of 4 Marcs arising from a piece of ground in Werminstre as part of the revenue of one of the vicars in Wells.

Dean John Sarracenus to all Abbots, parsons &c. &c. of the diocese, announces the order made by John de Bolum, Archdn. of S. Alban's, in the name of the Abbot and Prior of S. Alban's, and the Dean of London, giving authority to the Archdn. of Tanton during the vacancy of the see of B. and W., annulling all orders and acts of Thomas de Bedeford, and ordering him to pay as expenses to the Archdn. of Tanton 60 marcs, under pain of excommunication; The said T. is excommunicated until he shall have given satisfaction. They are to proclaim this order in all their churches.

fol. 110 in dors.

Given at Wells on the day of the Transl. of S. Thomas. AD. 1250.

R. Abbot of Glaston: to J. Bp. of Bath.

He will remember that when lately the Church of Hamme was vacant he had requested the Abbey to give it to R. de Lexington, quod et fecimus quantum ad nos pertinuit, but the transaction has not been completed. But now the Bp. has written to them and ordered them in accordance with a Mandate of the Pope addressed to him, to provide for Benedict, "Scriptor Pape."

They are willing to present the said Benedict instead of the said R., if it please the Bp., on condition that this is taken as the fulfilment of their previous promise.

fol. 111.

Agreement made between the Bp. and Thomas Mauduit &c. About Werminstre prebend, and the advowson. A.D. 1235.

fol. 111 in dors.

Nicholas, papal Legate to all men.

When lately we were at Glastonbury, a certain clerk came and prayed us to cause him to be admitted as a monk and brother. We therefore have desired (monuimus diligenter) Josceline, Bp. of Bath and Glaston, qui in eodem manerio vices gerit Abbatis, to cause this man to be accepted, he has acceded to our wish, and the Prior and Convent have accepted him. We at the desire of the said Bishop have issued this letter, and attached our seal to it.

Given at Bath, April 12.

Presentation by the Abbey of Lunlen (Lonlay) of Prior P. to their house at Stokecurcy.

Charter of Herbert de Stowa to Bp. Josceline, of his land at Herthor in the Manor of Wells. Test: Hugh Bp. Lincoln; William, Archdn: of Lincoln; William, Precentor of Wells; William Archdn: of Buckingham; Thomas de ffiskerton; William de Lincoln; Peter de Bathon; Canons of Lincoln; Roger, Chaplain; Adam de Clanefeld; Radulf de Warrevill; Gilbert de Panton; Canons of Wells; Galfrid fil; Radulf; Richard Cotele; Regni de Altavill &c.

fol. 112.

Inspex: by the D. and C. of a Charter of Canon Hugh Everard, firmarius of Ceddre, about a messuage there.

Inspex: and Confirmation by Savaric, Bp. of Bath and Glaston: of the Charter of Henry de Hardyngton given to the Canons of Keynesham the Church of Hardynton. Test: Richard, Abbot of Michelney, &c.

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Confirmation by King Edward concerning certain houses in Wells. cf. I. fol. 254.

Conf: by Bp. J. concerning the same. Given in London. Jan. 10. A.D. 1366. — fol. 113. fol. 113 in dors.

Inquisition held at Wells before John de Bekynton, Escheator for the County, concerning the same. Feb. 8. 41 E. III.

Charter of Margeria relict of Walter de Compton, about the same. 37 E. III. — fol. 114.

Charter of Robert Boret and Juliana his wife conveying to Adam Totteburn, burgess of Wells, duas seldas &c.

Charter of John de Chidiock, knight, to Walter de Compton conveying certain houses in Wells. A.D. 1362. — fol 114 in dors.

Charter of Walter de Compton conveying to Alicia Croterys, a shop in Wells. A.D. 1363. — fol. 115.

Release by Robert Boret as above. A.D. 1363.

Charter of William de Chelleworth son and heir of William de Chelleworth of Wells, to John de Chidiock; William Aumale, knight; Robert de Panes; and William de Byngham; heirs and assigns of W. de Byngham; granting of all his tenements &c. in Wells. Test: John de Meriet; Walter de Romeseye; knights; John Atte fforde; Thomas de Panes; William de Welde; John ffauconer; John Leddred, junior; John Lengh; Thomas de Mertoke de Wellys; Thomas Draycote; Robert fforde de Yevele; John le Doo; Robert de Coker; William le Doo &c. Given at Sutton Byngham, on Thursday next after the Martyrdom of S. John Bpt. A.D. 1362. — fol. 115 in dors.

Charter of Walter de Compton to Henry Boveditch of the tenement which formerly Adam de Cheleworth held in Wells. A.D. 1363. — fol. 116. fol. 116 in dors.

Release by William de Chelleworth to the D. and C. of a burgage &c. in Wells. A.D. 1364.

Final concord between William Lullok, Margery Moners, and Margery, relict of Watt: de Compton, and W. de Chelleworth, about two messuages &c. in Wells. A.D. 1364. — fol. 117.

Release by W. de Chelleworth to the same W. Lullok &c. A.D. 1364.

Charter of Robert Boret and Juliana his wife, widow of William de Cheleworth. A.D. 1355. — fol. 117 in dors.

Charter of William son of William de Cheleworth. A.D. 1362. — fol. 118.

Charter of William de Byngham to Walter Compton. A.D. 1362. — fol. 118 in dors.

Inquisition to be held by John de Bekyngton, Escheater, as to a burgage &c. bequeathed by W. de Compton.

Charter of R. Boret to A. de Tettebourne, as before. — fol. 119.

Charter of W. de Byngham to W. de Compton, as before.

Isabella de Toryngton daughter and heiress of Eborard le ffraunceys, late a burgess of Bristol, and John her son, make over to the D. and C. certain bonds entered into by William Chelleworth in the presence of the Mayor of Bristol. A.D. 1383. — fol. 119 in dors.

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John de Rodenye, knight quit claims to the D. and C. an annual rent, payable by certain tenements lately belonging to W. Compton, of one pair of gilt spurs. A.D. 1394.

fol. 120.

Charter of John de Weleslegh, knight, to Walter de Hull, clerk, of a piece of land in Wells. A.D. 1324.

Indenture made between John Wareyn, Canon of Wells, and Thomas Byngham, Radulf Berners, Robert Rugg, Robert Sloo, Canons of Wells, about a messuage in Wells. A.D. 1392.

fol. 121. Charter of John Wareyn about the same. A.D. 1393.

fol. 121 in dors. Charter of Stephen de Surreye to Hugh de Lymyngton and Robert de Chydyngfold, Vicars in Wells, about certain houses. A.D. 1299.

Charter of R. de Chydyngfold to Richard de Thistelden, Treasurer, and to Hugh de Uppehill, vicar of Wells, about the same.

fol. 122. Charter of H. de Uppehill to Walter de Hulle, Archdn. of Bath, about the same. A.D. 1348.

Release by H. de Uppehill. A.D. 1348.

fol. 122 in dors. Release by Richard de Thistelden, of the same. A.D. 1348.

Similar deed of R. de T.

fol. 123. Agreement between Robert de Cudyngfold and Hugh de Lymyngton as to their shares in the tenement which they hold in common. A.D. 1305.

fol. 123 in dors. Charter of H. de Lymynton to W. de Hulle, Vicar about his house, A.D. 1324.

The same about the same.

fol. 124. William de Costrode, relative and heir of Robert de Chedyngtonfold, about a messuage in Wells. A.D. 1333.

Ordo subsequens declarabit omnes anuales Vicariis conferendas in festo S. Jeronimi in Eccl: Wellen:; ac etiam Prioratus in capella B. Marie, et S. Martini, qualiter et per quos debent fieri in eccl. predicta.

1. Appropriation of the Church of Stokgummer by Bp. William. And establishment of a Chantry of the value of £5.

fol. 124 in dors.

2. Ordinatio Exor^{m} testamenti J. de Button. cf. I. fol. 22.

fol. 125.

3. Ordinatio Elie. magist: Hospital: S. Johs., Bristol. cf. I. fol. 22. Test: Roger de Bercham Mayor of Bristol; John de Berwick; Reginald Goolde, then prepositus of Bristol; John Gilbert; William de Berwick; Galfr: le Cape &c.

fol. 125 in dors.

4. Ordinatio Ricardi de Bamfeld. cf. I. fol. 87.

Amongst other gifts "20d. inter languidos et alios pauperes qui pro pudore mendicare erubescunt."

fol. 127.

5. Ordinatio Roberti, Prioris de Staverdale. cf. I. fol. 116, 117. July 20. A.D. 1263.

fol. 127 in dors.

6. Ord: Thome de Button. Exon: Epi: cf. I. fol. 127.

7. Ord: Joscelini Epi: Three priests to be appointed, with 13 vicars, who shall in turn celebrate the Mass de B. Virgine, every day. These priests are to have one whole share of communa, instead of the half which otherwise they would have, ut libentius et devotius ministerio suo insistant. A.D. 1206.

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8. Ord: Johs Waryne, Canonici, who has given certain rents in Wells for a daily service. A.D. 1394.
9. Ord: Walteri Wyncaulton, Canonici, et prebendarii de Wormynistre als. Luxvyle. He has given to the body of vicars £100, a chalice, a missal, a vestment and other things ad decenter ornandum quoddam altare, coram imagine S. Crucis in eccl: nostra Wellen: ex parte boreali alti campanilis, &c. A.D. 1406. fol. 129 in dors.
10. Ord: Galfridi de Briddeport. cf. I. fol. 84. fol. 130 in dors.
11. Ord: Hugonis de Romenal. cf. I. fol. 86.
12. Ord: Petri, Decani, who had given land at Merlegh in Woky for a perpetual service for the departed. fol. 131 in dors.

Confirmed by Bp. Josceline, at Banewell on the morrow of the Annunciation. A.D. 1238.

13. Ord: of the Exors: of the Will of William II., Bp. of B. and W. cf. I. fol. 62. fol. 132.
14. Ord: pro vicariis.

Indenture between Ralph, Bp. of B. and W., and the vicars inhabiting the houses and using the hall newly built by him. Certain lands are given to the vicars, and they are to celebrate a mass daily for the good estate of the said Bp., &c., and for the souls of the departed, &c.
Given at Wyvelescumb. April 17. A.D. 1354.

Inspex: and conf: by Archbp. William, of the appropriation of the Church of Kyngeston to the vicars of Wells by John Bp. of B. and W. fol. 134.
A long document of three folios.

Institution by Bp. Savaric of the celebration of a daily Mass in honour of the Virgin. Eo jocundius . . . . quo pro fidelibus sedula creditur interventrix existere, et apud Deum majorem noscitur gratiam obtinere, &c. . . . . fol. 136 in dors.

Appropriation of the parish church of Est Coker to the D. and C. of Exeter for the foundation of four chantries there. cf. I. fol. 287. A.D. 1419. fol. 137.
A long document of 9 folios.

Composition between the D. and C. and the Vicar of S. Cuthbert's, as to the rights and revenues of the vicarage. fol. 145 in dors.
Confirmed by Bp. Ralph at Welyngton. July 11. A.D. 1357. cf. I. fol. 101.

A commission issued by the Bp. to inquire into the state of the vicarage of S. Cuthbert's. A.D. 1356. fol. 148.

Appointment by the D. and C. of Thomas Spert, the Chancellor, and Canon John ffrysby to be their proctors in a suit with Walter de Hamme, Vicar of S. Cuthbert's. A.D. 1394.

Sententia contra W. de Hamme . . . . in curia Cant. lata super pensione 20 marcarum Eccle: Cathed: Wellen: ab eodem vicario debitis. A.D. 1388. fol. 143 in dors.

Order made by Philip de Staunton, acting for the Bp., who is in foreign parts, in a dispute between the D. and C. and Robert, Rector of Baggebergh about the tithes of Lydiard. The D. and C. to have the tithes and pay 7 shillings a year to the rectors of B. A.D. 1278. fol. 151.

Ordinatio Vicarie de Stoclande per Johannem Epm. The lands and tithes enumerated which are to belong to the vicar, the rest to the

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House of S. Mark of Bristol, of which William is the Master. A.D. 1380.

A similar order about the Vicarage of Yatton. Walter the vicar has complained that his revenue is not sufficient for the support of himself and two chaplains, and others dependent upon him. The Bp. therefore inasmuch as it is his duty to take care that vicars have sufficient for their own support and for hospitality, and that the value of the prebend is fully 100 marcs, while the vicar receives not more than 12, orders that certain small tithes, of which a long list is given shall belong to the vicars.

This order is made vocatis omnibus quorum interest . . . . . concurrentibus omnibus qui in hac parte requiruntur.

Given at Banewell. June 14. A.D. 1327.

fol. 152 in dors. A similar arrangement about the church of S. Mary de Stallo and its dependant chapel Wydecombe, which is appropriated to the Abbey of Bath, and of which John Dudemerton is Vicar.

Given at Wyveliscumbe. Feb. 13. A.D. 1322.

fol. 153. A similar arrangement about the Vicarage of Clive, of which the Church is appropriated to the Abbey there.

The Vicar amongst other duties shall be present every Sunday at Leigh Chapel, and shall read the Gospel, and provide aquam et panem benedictum for the parishioners, and shall celebrate the Mass there three times in the year, viz., at Christmas, Easter, and on S. Ægidius' day.

fol. 154. A similar arrangement about Corston Church, which was appropriated to Bath Abbey by Bp. Walter "our last predecessor," and to which Henry de Everdon is now presented.

Given at Banewell. Nov. 1. A.D. 1321.

fol. 154 in dors. Conf: by the D. and C. of Wells of the arrangement about the tithes of Somerton, made by Bp. Savaric. cf. I. fol. 49.

Test: Benedict, Abbot of Athelney; Durand, Prior of Montacute; Gilbert, Prior of Bruton; John, Prior of Tanton; Raer, parson of Alre., &c., to the original grant by Bp. Savaric.

fol. 155. Similar Confirmation by the Abbey of Bath.

fol. 155 in dors. fol. 156. Similar arrangement made about the Vicarage of Est Cammel, after an inquiry had been held on the spot by a commission called together by the Archdn. at the Bp's desire. A.D. 1380.

The Commissioners are Thomas, rector of Trent; Thomas, rector of Rympton; Richard, rector of Sandford; James, rector of West Cammel; Symon rector of Chilton; Thomas, rector of Ashington; Robert, vicar of Modeford; and Richard, vicar of Merston. They report that the rectors receive 23*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* including some tithes "de parco domini regis"; and the vicar 9*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*

Similar document about S. Decuman's.

Given at Wyvelescumb. March 19. A.D. 1320.

fol. 157. Similar document about Paulet to which the Abbey of S. Augustine's, Bristol presents Antonius.

fol. 157 in dors. Letter of Stephen de Tornaco to J. Bp. of B. and W. giving the value of the Vicarage of Bokelond.

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The Vicarage of Kingsbury. cf. I. fol. 46.

Order by Bp. John about the Vicarage and Parish Church of Wyke near Bath, to which the Rector Peter de Inkpenne has presented as Vicar John Marleward of Bath, with the consent of the patrons, the Abbess, &c., of Wherewell.
Given at Yevele. Feb. 11. A.D. 1320.

Appropriation to the Abbey of Bath of the Church of Hampton. fol. 159 in dors.
Given at Chiu. Oct. 21. A.D. 1317.

Commission issued by Bp. Ralph to two of the Canons to examine into the state and value of the vicarage of Burnham to which John de Burford has been presented by the D. and C.
Given at Northcory. Nov. 6. A.D. 1334.

Inspex: and conf: by the Prior Thomas of Bath, &c., of the appropriation by Bp. Josceline to the Hospital of S. John Bapt. in Wells, of the Church of Evercriz in A.D. 1231.

Charter of Robert Cotele, son of Hamo Cotele de Stokelinch of one acre of Meadow in Walton to the Church of S. Andrew, Wells. A.D. 1248.

Charter of R. de Camville about Hengestridge. cf. I. fol. 21.

Charter of G. de Camville. cf. I. fol. 21. fol. 160.

Conf: by the Archbp. cf. I. fol 21.

Similar document. cf. I. fol. 22. fol. 160 in dors.

Conf: by Bp. Reginald. cf. I. fol. 21.

Testimony of the Bp. of Worcester. cf. I. fol. 21. fol. 161.

Charter of Henry de Lascy, Earl of Lincoln, Constable of Chester, and Margaret his wife granting the Chapel of Whitchurch in Hengestridge to Henry de Pontibus the prebendary of H.
Test. William Bp. of Ely; Tybottot; Richard de Hedon; Thomas de S. Vigoro; Peter Mallore; knights; Walter de Wyke; John de Haddon, &c. fol. 161 in dors.
Given at London. Feb. 6. Anno regni Edwardi 20°.

Confirmation by the king of the last.

Appointment by H. de Lascy of Thomas de ffisseburn to give possession to Henry de Pontibus. fol. 162.

Resignation into the hands of H. de Lascy by John de Mount Gauter Medicus, of the chapel of Whitchurch, to which he had been presented by the said H.
Given at Kyngeston in Dorset, Feb. 25. Anno regni. E. 20°.

Exemplification of the case of the D. and C. and the Vicar of S. Cuthbert's, Wells. Two folios.

Letter of Pope Boniface upon the same subject. fol. 164.
The first four lines, and the last five smudged with red chalk.
Given at Rome, at S. Peter's, May 15. Anno Pontif. 7°.

Bull of Pope Boniface IX.
Understands that according to an old custom every Canon who comes into residence, is expected to feast the Bp., the D. and C., the Vicars,

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and all other Ministers of the Church, at the excessive cost of 150 or even 200 marcs. This has produced disputes and scandal, and is to be altogether abolished. For the future every simple prebendary is to pay 100 and every dignitary 150 marcs to the fabric of the Church, on coming into residence.

Given at Rome, at S. Peter's, March 18, anno Pontif. 12°.

fol 165 in dors.

Appropriation by Bp. John of the Church of Berwe to the Archdeaconry of Wells subject to a payment of 10*l.* for the support of three chaplains, two of them for the Chantry of the two Bps. William de Button, and John de B., and one for the good estate &c., of the Archdeacons, &c.

fol. 167.

Given at Banewell, Aug. 3, A.D. 1328.

Appropriation to the Abbey of Glaston: of the Church of Boddeclegh with the chapel of Baltenesborgh, by Pope Boniface. The D. and C. have protested, and the Abbey agrees to pay them a pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* in satisfaction of their claims.

Given at Glastonbury July 31, A.D. 1392.

fol. 168 in dors.

Decision by Bp. Ralph that the Rector of Norton sub Hamedon (Robert Raulyn) must pay the ancient pension due to the D. and C. of 40 shillings.

Robert de Caunteloo is rector of Wynfrith.

Given at Wyveliscumbe, Aug. 11, A.D. 1363.

fol. 169 in dors.

John the Prior de Longa Leta to all men.

Ralph Bp. of B. and W. has appropriated to the Priory the Church of Lullyngton of which it is patron. A pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* is reserved to the D. and C. of Wells.

Given in the Chapter of Longleat, Jan. 8, A.D. 1394.

fol. 170 in dors.

Inspex: by Dean Stephen Pempel of the Union of the Vicarage of Wyncaulton with the Priory of Stavordale by Bp. John, when it shall be vacated by the present vicar John Bryan. The Priory is to find a secular parochial chaplain, or if necessary one of their own canons with cure of souls and to minister to the parishioners, for a quarter, or one half of the year at most. One of the canons shall also celebrate daily a mass for the dead in the choir of the Priory, in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin, and of SS. Peter and Paul and S. James, under the campanile, for the soul of Philippa the late queen, for the good estate of the Bp., and for his soul and for the souls of his parents Roger and Johanna, and similarly for John de Stourton, Alice his wife, Richard Bisschop vicar of the Parish Church of Meere, in Sarum diocese, and for John de Bekynton; also for William de Stourtone and Johanna his wife the parents of the aforenamed John de S.; for the brothers and sisters of the same John de S., and Letitia and Alicia their wives, for Gilbert de Rokeburne and Johanna his wife, and John their son; for Master Walter de Shireborne; Walter Kingsettele; Thomas and Alice the parents of the said R. Bisschopp; for W. Ryby, Chaplain and John and Emma his parents; for William de Milleborn, knight, and Margerie his wife; and for all the faithful dead. The said canon shall receive 7*d.* at the end of each week.

Each canon of the said Priory, 8 in number, shall have annually 6*s.* 8*d.* for their clothing beyond the usual allowance.

On the day of the Circumcision, the Prior and brethren shall celebrate the usual service for the dead, and on the same day divide equally amongst themselves 13*s.* 4*d.*

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20 shillings is the fine for any neglect in the said services, to be paid to the Eleemosinarius of Wells.

The Priory is to pay a pension of 3*s*. 4*d*. to the Bp. and 3*s*. 4*d*. to D. and C. March 18, A.D. 1374.

Upon the petition of the monks of Henton, whose lands are hilly and poor and whose mills, whence they derive the chief part of their revenue, are less profitable than formerly, but not through any fault or neglect upon their part, who have to pay tithe upon the fruits of their labour to more than the value of the profits, who are also burdened with corrodies and debt, the Church of Henton which has been given to them by William de Litelton, Precentor of Wells, its patron in his own right, is appropriated to their house. fol. 172.

The usual conditions about a house for the vicar and an income, and payment of pensions &c.

Given at length on two folios. A.D. 1344.

Certificate by Panthaleon de Bredis . . . causarum curie camere apostolice auditor generalis &c. to a copy of the bull of Pope Boniface about residence. Given at Florence A.D. 1420. The entry is smudged with red and black chalk, with special attention to the obliteration of the name "Boniface," and to the words "sanctissimum in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Martini divina providentia . . ." this word quite illegible. fol. 173 in dors. fol. 174.

Charter of John, Prior of Worspring to John de Axebrugge, Subdean of Wells, and to the D. and C. after him, of an annual payment of 20 shillings, to be expended in masses for the soul of the said John, in the Cathedral, A.D. 1266. fol. 174 in dors.

Charter of the same about the pension of 10 marcs for the obit of Bp. W. de Button. cf. I. fol. 62. fol. 175 in dors.

Instrument about the 26 marcs payable by Berliz. cf. I. fol. 89–90. fol. 176 in dors.

Charter of Robert, Prior of Berliz. cf. I. fol. 110. fol. 177 in dors.

Letter of John, Prior of Worsprying. cf. I. fol. 118. fol. 178.

Confirmation by Robert Prior of Bath of the appropriation of Chilterne Church to Bryweton. cf. fol. 127. fol. 178 in dors.

Letter of Isabella Huse, Prioress of Kyngton, about a pension of 10*s*. payable to the Cathedral from the Church of Twerton. A.D. 1327. fol. 179.

Letter of Thomas, Abbot of Keynesham about a pension of 3*s*. 4*d*. payable from their Church of Keynesham. Nov. 17. A.D. 1396. fol. 179 in dors.

Letter of the Master and Brethren of S. John's Hospital, Bristol. Forasmuch as the late Henry Tessun Precentor of Wells, Canon of Sarum, and Prebendary of Bedmynstre, built at his own expense the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in the cemetery of S. Mary Redcliff, in order that the divine offices for the dead might be continuously celebrated there, and in consideration of his good will towards us, we undertake the support of the said chapel, and will provide a secular chaplain with a clerk, or one of our own brethren to serve therein daily, prestito prius sacramento Rectori Prebende de Bedmynstre de indempnitate predicta prebende, and to sing Placebo, Dirige, and celebrate the mass, summo mane, according to the Use of the Church of Sarum, for the souls of Herbert, Robert, and William, Bps. of Sarum; of Josceline, Roger, fol. 180.

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and William, Bps. of B. and W. of the said Precentor and his family &c. They will provide also a daily mass at the Altar Sancti Salvatoris, in the Cathedral at Wells, which was erected by the said Precentor. They will also provide bread and wine, in perpetuity pauperculis capellis et eccls. de Archidiaconatu Bathon. caritative sibi dari hec postulantibus. They will also pay to the Communarius at Wells one marc every year on the vigil of the obit of the said Precentor, viz. Aug. 13, to be divided among the Canons and Clerks who take a personal share in the anniversary services, &c. Further details about the rents given by the said Precentor to the Hospital. A.D. 1254. cf. I. fol. 2.

fol. 181. Letter of Nicholas Abbot of Keynesham about a pension payable on their Church of Heighelitleton. cf. I. fol. 170, 171.

fol. 182. Similar letter of the same about a pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* payable on their Church of Westharptre. cf. I. fol. 199.

fol. 182 in dors. Charter of Bp. John about a pension of 13*s.* 4*d.*, payable to the D. and C. by the Church of Est Coker. A.D. 1386.

fol. 183. Bond of William the Prior of Berliz, &c. for the payment of £20 to the D. and C. A.D. 1387.

The same bind themselves to pay a pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* on their appropriated church of Bradeford. A.D. 1387.

fol. 183 in dors. Charter of Bp. Josceline about Chyuton Church appropriated to the Abbey de Gemetico, and about the vicarage. Simon de S. Petro in the Rector. A.D. 1241.

fol. 184 in dors. Letter of the Abbot William accepting the last. A.D. 1241.

fol. 185. Appropriation to Glastonbury Abbey by Bp. Walter (after consultation with the Chapters of Bath and Wells as usual) of the Churches of Dultynge, Dichesgate, Budekleya and Est Brent, with their chapels, subject to the establishment of a vicarage in each case as usual, &c. A.D. 1266.

Order by Bp. Josceline about the Church of Norton juxta Hamedon, of which the Abbey of Grestein is patron, and Silvester de Everdon, Rector.

fol. 185 in dors. The Church is appropriated to the Abbey, and the Rector is to receive 12 marcs a year until the Abbey provide him with a sufficient benefice.

Given at Voqui, Feb. 14. A.D. 1241.

fol. 186. Confirmation by Bp. Walter of an arrangement by which W. de Cherleton is to receive 10 marcs annually from the D. and C. from Northcory Manor, instead of the same sum from the Bp. from Burnham, which pension is now made over by the Bp. to the D. and C. A.D. 1306.

Inspex: by Bp. William of the grant by Baldwin, lord of Thorne, of 2 acres of land with the Advowson of the Church of S. Margaret at Thorne, to the Church of S. Mary, and S. John the Evang: at Leigh in Devon, and to the Canons there. Test: Johele de Valletort, then Sheriff of Somerset; Henry de Chanflur; Henry, parson of Stanton; Thomas de Tetteburne; Simon de Luccumb; John de Arundel; Robert de Wilecestre; William de Oreweye; Nich. de Hallehey; &c.

Also of the grant by the said Canons of the same to the Archdn. of Tanton, Walter de S. Quintin, in return for benefits received from him, &c.

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The Bp. decrees that the above-named land and church and the appurtenances of the parish church of Milverton which is a prebend of Wells, be annexed to the Archdeaconry, subject to a payment of 40*s.* for a chantry at Wells, &c. A.D. 1251.

Confirmation by Bp. Reginald of the gift of Staweia Church by Matildis de Chandos. cf. I. fol. 37. fol. 187 in dors.

Grant by John Sarracenus of a shop in Wells.

Grant by Bp. W. de Button of certain services, &c. in Midelton. cf. I. fol. 90.

Bond of Robt. de Wamberg, Archdn.: of Wells to return two deeds about the land of Midelton near Ivelcestre, which he has borrowed. A.D. 1329. fol. 188 in dors.

The Abbey of Bath about Carentum. cf. I. fol. 24.

Grant by Hugh Bp. of Lincoln of his Church of Gosebertkirke to Richard de Atteberg as parson, saving to Hugh Burgundia the vicarage for life on payment of 13 marcs a year to the said R. as parson, &c. fol. 189.

Test.: Josceline Bp. of Bath and Glaston:; William de Hammes, Precentor of Wells; Th. de ffiskerton, chaplain; Walter de Well; Roger de Bohu . . . . and Steph. de Cicestre; Canons of Lincoln; Adam de Clanefeld; and Radulf de Warevill; Canons of Wells; Will. de Lincoln; Ric. de Tinghurst; Oliver de Chedneco, &c.

Given by the hand of Will. de Thornaco Archdn: of Stow, at Dorkecestre. Nov. 3. Pontif anno 9°.

Nicholas Sherman parson of Norton sub Hamedon is sued by the D. and C. for £4 arrears of the annual pension of £2.

Assignment to John de Wamberg, rector of Bocland in Sarum diocese, by W. de Cherleton of his pension of £10. A.D. 1322.

Quit claim to Bp. Josceline of land in Wells and at Merlegh by William de Maulesberg son of Richard and Margery de M. fol. 190.

The pension of £2 payable by S. Mark's, Bristol. cf. I. fol. 166.

Final Concord between the D. and C. and the house of S. Mark de Billiswike, about a pension of £4 3*s.* 4*d.* on Pouleth and Stockland. A.D. 1272. fol. 190 in dors.

Agreement between the Exors. of the Will of Hugh de Romenal, Treasurer; J. de Hereford, Canon of Wells, and the House of S. Mark de Byleswyke. The latter are to pay to the D. and C. the pension of £4 3*s.* 4*d.*, and the former will pay to them 120 marcs. A.D. 1272. fol. 191.

Order from the Papal Legate Otto to the Bp. of Bath to call upon all ecclesiastical prelates in the diocese to pay the aid which had been promised to the Pope, first at Reading and again in London, even as it has been done by the Gallican Church. There has been much delay in making this payment, he is willing however to proceed with mildness, and therefore the Bp. is to summon all Deans, Archdns., Abbots, and Priors to appear in person; all Chapters, Abbesses and Prioresses by proctors, before the Legate in Octabis Omnium Sanctorum, and then they are to satisfy the demands made upon them.

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The lesser Deans, Rectors, and vicars, the Bp. is to urge to have compassion on the difficulties of the Apostolic See which it has incurred in defence of the common faith, and to make offerings.

fol. 191 in dors. All are to be invited to give at least a twelfth of their revenues. A.D. 1240.

Agreement made between the D. and C. and Nicholas son of Martin and Isabella, about the advowson of West Lideford; the latter are to have it and pay 30 marcs to the D. and C., and the rectors shall pay a pension of half a marc to the D. and C. A.D. 1277.

William de Plumpton, rector of West Lideford, consents. A.D. 1277.

fol. 192. Bp. Reginald about Carenton Churches. cf. I. 24.

Canon G. de S. Leofardo, who cannot be present in person at the Election of the Dean, appoints Canon Radulf de Wicham, to be his proxy. A.D. 1284.

Consent of the D. and C. to whatever Bp. Josceline may determine about Chyuton Church. A.D. 1241.

fol. 192 in dors. Institution by Bp. Josceline of Richard de Atteber to be parson of Charleton Makerel, saving to Robert de Meysi the perpetual vicarage which he has in it, subject to an annual pension of 50*s.* to the parson and his successors. A.D. 1217.

Hugh Bp. of Lincoln confirms to his successors the Church of Hameldon, a pension of 20*s.* from S. Peter's at Stanford and from the Chapel of Branteston.
Given in the Old Temple, London, May 17. A.D. 1232.

fol. 193. Licence of King Edward to the Abbot, &c. of Gloucester, to grant the Advowson of Burneham to Bp. Robert of B. and W.
Teste me ipso, at Westminster, Feb. 27. A.D. 1285.

General pardon, 3. H. V.

fol. 194. Confirmation by King Edward about Burneham. A.D. 1291. cf. fol. 193.

fol. 194 in dors. Licence by the King to Bp. Walter to grant two acres of land and the Advowson of Burnham Church to the D. and C.
Teste me ipso at Winton, May 16. A.D. 1306.

fol. 195. Confirmation by King Richard of the appropriation to the D. and C. of Pokelchurch.
Teste me ipso at Westminster. Feb. 8. Anno regni 20°.

Licence by King Richard in the same matter, given in consideration of £40 which the D. and C. have paid to him.

fol. 195 in dors. Teste me ipso at Westminster, Sept. 24. Anno regni 20°.

Carta Henrici VI. super licentia amortizandi Bokelond. Licence is given to Bp. Nicholas to appropriate the Church to the D. and C. in consideration of £50 paid to the treasury.
Teste me ipso at Westminster, Nov. 26. Anno regni 2°.

fol. 196. General pardon of Henry VI. in his 15th year in Parliament.
Teste me ipso at Westminster, March 27. Anno regni 15°.

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Confirmation by King Edward of the order made by Bp. Ralph about the Vicarage of Chyu.
Recites all the details of the arrangement on two folios.
Testo me ipso at Westminster, June 20. Anno regni, Anglie 23°. Francie 10°. fol. 197.

Licence by the King to Richard Pettys, Clerk, to give to the D. and C. 30 acres of land and pasture for 80 sheep in Depford for the Anniversary of John Manston. fol. 199.
Teste me ipso at Westminster July 4. 4 H. IV.

General pardon by Edward IV. fol. 199 in dors.

Appropriation of the Church of Cory Revel to the Canons of Bustelesham, in Sarum diocese, by Bp. Ralph. fol. 201.
Great part of their house still remains to be built. The house is on a road much frequented by rich and poor who seek for hospitality, and by noble men who have to be received in a manner suitable to their rank.
It is situated on the bank of the Thames, and its land is therefore much subject to injury from floods in winter, and even some of the buildings have been destroyed by floods. Wherefore with the consent of the king, Richard II., and the Lord John Duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster, nunc fundatoris ejusdem, of the D. and C. of Wells, of William de Monte Acuto Earl of Sarum, the patron of the Church of Cory Revel, John Toly the rector having resigned, it is appropriated.
Details of the arrangements as usual.
Given in the parish church of Moneketon, June 14 A.D. 1391.

Confirmation of the last by the Notary; by the Chapters of Wells and of Bath, and by Ralph Erghum Archdn: of Tanton. fol. 202.

Agreement between the D. and C. and John de Murdene about some pastures in North Cory Moors. fol. 202 in dors.
Test: John de Bello Campo; Henry de Urtiaco; John de Erlegh; Gilbert de Bere; Hugh de Popham; Knights; Nicholas de Melles; Philip de Columbariis; Mathew de Clyvedone; Henry de Urtiaco; John de Burton; Walter Lyfe. A.D. 1311.

Charter of the D. and C. to Hugh de la Hele. cf. I. fol. 18. fol. 203.

Letter by the D. and C. to their bailiff at North Cory, Walter de Cnolton to give possession to Hugh. A.D. 1284.

The D. and C. sell to Cecelia widow of Hugh atte Hele, the custody, &c. of their son Ralph and of his lands; Alicia was Hugh's Mother, and the lands came from her. 10 E. III. fol. 203 in dors.

Quit claim by John son of Mabilia Roweles to Hugh de la Hele of a messuage and certain services in North Cory. 24 E.

Indenture between the D. and C. and the Exors. of the Will of the late Bp. Ralph. fol. 204.
The D. and C. have received from them,
Unum missale notatum ad magnum altare.
Unum par vestimentorum alborum cum toto apparatu ad usum capelle B. Marie: And £10 for the fabric.
Tres capas de cammaka rubea, quarum una habet unum morsum argenteum deauratum, et ammelat:; unam casulam; unam dalmaticam cum tunica ejusdem secte; tres albas; tres amic.; duas stolas; tres

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manipulos; tres zonas, quarum una de serico viridi ornata argent, et deaurat:; unum par sandalium ejusdem secte; unam dalmaticam; unam tunicam de cammeka rubea ex parte una, et nigra ex altera, ex dono domini Epi. supradicti. Et etiam unum gradale et unam cambucam pretii 40 marcarum loco et nomine unius cambuce pretii 10 librarum; et unam mitram pretii 100 solid. quas dictus dominus Eps. habuit ex prestito de ecclesia supradicta. Remiserunt . . . . . dicti D. et C. dictis exor^{bus} unum gradale pretii 10 solid. que dictus dmns. Eps. recepit ex prestito de eccl^{a}. . . . . Ac etiam omnimodas actiones . . . . . quas dicti D. et C. habuerunt contra dictum Epm. . . . . vel habere poterunt . . . . . Pro qua relaxatione . . . . . dicti Exors. remiserunt . . . . dictis D. et C. 25 marcas que supererant 10 librarum in quibus cambuca quam dictus Eps. habuit de ecclesia ex prestito fuerat appreciata, quas quidem . . . . . alias dicti D. et C. solvere tenebantur, et unam cofram magnam in thesauraria bene ferro ligatam eis venditur pretii 40 solid., et unam legendam sanctorum eis venditur pretii 13*s.* 4*d.* Item unam aurifrisum nobilem pretii 4 librarum, venditur eisdem sub ea conditione ut canonici dicte ecclesie animam
fol. 204 in dors. dicti dni. Epi. in suis missis et aliis orationum suffragiis in futurum habeant ex debito commendatam, et etiam dicta pecunia erit eis et eorum singulis in solutionem et satisfactionem in distributione residui bonorum dicti Epi. in futurum saltem in quantum illa summa pecunie se extendit —&c.

Given on Thursday next after S. Mark's Day, A.D. 1368.

Charter of Robert Gyan of Bristol gives to Robert son and heir of William Gyan and to Cristina his wife, a messuage, windmill and all his lands in North Cory, a moor, &c. in Chereleyestath, &c. with the reversion of all lands which had been the dowry of Matilda wife of Robert grandfather of the said Robert Gyan, &c.

fol. 205. Given at Chereleye, July 16, A.D. 1339.

Charter of Margerie at Sloo gives to three of the Canons certain small rents &c. in North Cory. A.D. 1385.

Grant by Walter the Dean and the C. to Walter le Eyr and to the first wife whom he shall marry, for their lives, of certain lands in North Cory. A.D. 1347.

fol. 205 in dors. Release to the D. and C. by Thomasia daughter of Robert le Whyte de Knappe of all claims to certain properties in North Cory. A.D. 1363.

fol. 206. Mandate of King Richard addressed to Umfrid Stafford, Sheriff of Somerset, quod juste et sine dilatione habere facias Decano et Capitulo Henricum Grey nativum et fugitivum suum cum omnibus catallis suis et tota sequela sua ubicumque inventos fuerint in balliva tua nisi sit in dominico nostro, qui fugit de terra sua post coronationem dni. Henrici regis filii regis Johannis, et prohibemus super forisfactionem nostram ne quis eum injuste detineat.

Teste me ipso apud Westm., April 29, A.D. 1391.

Similarly about William son of William Grey and Henry his brother. And also about John son of William and William son of John Grey.

fol. 206 in dors. The Sheriffs to his bailiffs in the above matter.

Given at Wells, Dec. 29 A.D. 1392.

Grant by the D. and C. to Richard de Acton, knight, in return for benefits received, of certain pastures in North Cory. A.D. 1355.

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Mandate from the Official of the Archbp. of Canterbury to Gosbert de ffalesham official of the Archdn: of Wells. Mandamus vobis sub pena canonica firmiter injungentes quatinus cum sitis beneficiati in Episcopatu Cantuar:, to cite William de Button, nephew of the Bp. of Bath, to appear at the church of S. Mary de Arcubus. A.D. 1251. fol. 207.

Letter of William Gyan about houses and rents in Northcory. Test: Richard the succentor; Philip de Canteleo, Knight; Henry Hyngolf, hundredarius de Northcory, Adam de Merydon, Robert de Merydon; John de Marisco; Robert le Taylur, &c.

Agreement between the D. and C. and William Bussel and Agneta his wife about certain pastures in Northcory. Given at Wells. Test: John de Bello Campo; Henry de Urtiaco; John de Erlegh; Gilbert de Bere; Hugo de Popham; Knights; Nicholas de Meles; Philip de Columbariis; Mathew de Clyvedon; Henry de Urtiaco; John de Burton; Walter de Lyfe, &c. March 15, A.D. 1311. fol. 207 in dors. fol. 208.

Charter of Gilbert Thorne. fol. 37.

Receipt for 4 Marcs given by Robert Gyen. A.D. 1286.

Charter of Thomas Payn and Richard Craddok to Margerie atte Sloo. A.D. 1375. fol. 208 in dors.

Charter of Richard fil: Rad. fil: Bernard (cf. I. fol. 11.) Warranting to the D. and C. the manor of Hacche, against his brother William and his other relations. Test: Hugh de Wells, Archdn: of Wells; Josceline his brother; Simon de Pateshylle; Master Eustace de Facunberg; James de Poterna; Richard de Mulcegros, justiciar:; Master Roger de Sanford; Hugh Nichol, Canons of Wells; &c.

Charter of Walter de Kam granting to Roger de Stokelinche and to Agneta who was the wife of Richard Bussel, the custody of the lands which the said Richard held of him at la Hill in Northcory, and of their son and heir Adam. fol. 209.

Agreement between the D. & C. and Robert de Somerton. He is to have the lands &c. lately held on military tenure by William Colne of Northcory of the D. and C., until the heir of the said William is of age. The said Robert must keep all houses and fences in repair &c. and pay £7. 10*s*. 0*d*. April 20. A.D. 1333. fol. 209 in dors.

License by the D. and C. licet communi consilio regni statutum sit quod non liceat religiosis viris laicum feodum ingredi sine licentia dni. regis et capitalium dominorum de quibus feodum illud immediate teneatur in capite, to Elyas Spelly; Walter Derby; Thomas Beaupyne de Bristoll, to grant in puram. . . elemosynam to Thomas the Prior of Worspryng and to his canons, a messuage, dovecote, and lands which Richard Dacton, knight, now holds in Wells, and in Hantrych in Northcory, of us in capite. A.D. 1383.

Hugh son of Hugh atte Hele of Northcory. Has been absent from the county of Somerset for some time, and the D. and C. have dealt with and cultivated his lands in Northcory as has seemed fit to them. He now yields to them all the fruits which they have received from the day of his departure until the day of the execution of this deed. Given at Northcory, on Wednesday next after the Feast of S.S. Tiburtius and Valerian; 8 E. fol. 210.

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Final concord between the D. and C. and Robert de Columbariis about two carucates of land at Hacche. The D. and C. pay 10 marcs to Robert. A.D. 1247.

fol. 210 in dors. Indenture between the D. and C. and John de Troubrigge, Vicar of Northcory A.D. 1355. The D. and C. augment the vicarage with certain lands, and give coppice wood annually as an endownment for a chantry. The vicar is to pay one rose annually on the Nativity of S. John the Bapt :, and shall during the term of his life celebrate or cause to be celebrated a mass every Wednesday and Friday if a duplex festum shall not fall upon those days, and if the Lord or Lady of Lillesdone shall be present, for whose good estate and for whose souls the said chantry is established. If a duplex festum falls upon those days the mass is to be celebrated on the morrow. If that day shall also be a duplex festum then only a memoria shall be said on the Wednesday or Friday itself. The Lord of Lillesdone shall at his own expense provide a chaplain and all things necessary for the mass, pane per dictum vicarium quotiens opus fuerit ministrando dumtaxat excepto.

fol. 211. The Chaplain who is to say the mass or memoria dominum vel dominam de Lillesdone ultra completam horam diei primam ibidem expectare minime teneatur, then he may depart without celebrating, but if he is celebrating elsewhere during the day he shall bear in mind those souls for whom this chantry is established. Test : Radulf de Middelneye ; John de Clyvedone; Richard de Acton; Knights; Matthew de Clyvedone; John de Somerton; John Houndsmor; John Atte Sloo; Thomas Cnappe; W. Hacche &c.

fol. 211 in dors. William Parle parochianus ecclesie de Northcory, confesses that he has taken certain tithes garbarum which belong to the rectors, and mixed them with others and thereby has ipso facto incurred excommunication. He is penitent, makes restitution, and prays for reconciliation. A.D. 1335.

fol. 212. On Friday, Nov. 10, the said William signed the above in the house of Canon John de Wamberg Custodian of the Deanery during vacancy.

Indenture between the D. & C. and Hugh Cancy of Northcory. The said Hugh gives a bond for £100 as security that he will pay the expenses of the suit instituted against him by the D. and C., and as damages for trespassing on their rights of fishery in the Tone and elsewhere in Northcory, &c. April 18. A D. 1367.

fol. 212 in dors. Robert Gyan a layman of Northcory is summoned before the D. and C. to answer the charge of having wilfully cut down their timber, and
fol. 213. beaten their servants. He appears, has no defence to offer, and his offence having been notorious and of ill example he is excommunicated. But afterwards having made his submission and taken an oath to abstain from injury and to support the D. and C.'s rights, he is ordered to restore within two months the timber to the value of £10 publickly to the place whence he took it; he shall also tribus vicibus circa ecclesiam de Northcory per tres dies dominicas infra duos menses predictos, et tribus vicibus circa ecclesiam Wellensem per alios tres dies dominicas ante processionem, nudus preter femoralia fustigetur, deferens in manibus suis unum cereum illuminatum ponderis unius libre singulis diebus
fol. 213 in dors. quibus penitentiam fecerit supradictam, et illum teneat manibus suis propriis in navibus predictarum ecclesiarum a tempore processionum factarum quousque dicatur seu celebretur offertorium, et tunc ad magnum altare earundem ecclesiarum personaliter accedat et illum cereum offerat

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humiliter missam celebranti, et statim tam celebrans quam ipse penitencie causam et oblationis hujus coram clero et populo in lingua materna omnibus intelligibili publice distincte et apte dicant et exponant.

The said Robert Gyan shall give satisfaction to Robert Coppe the servant whom he assaulted to the amount of 40 shillings; and for the ecclesiastical offence, he shall again be whipped around the said churches other six Sundays, and make an offering of a wax candle as aforesaid.

For damages by poaching he is to pay 8 marcs, and for the ecclesiastical offence go through the same course of discipline for another 6 Sundays. He is forbidden by himself or his agents to enter upon any of the properties of the D. and C. without permission, or to aid or abet those who do so, &c. He is also to give a bond for £20. He shall also take oath to the observance of all these conditions, and shall appear in public in the cathedral and shall pray that he may be bound to obey all these conditions, and shall give his consent that a sentence of excommunication shall be pronounced against him if he offend in the future, &c. fol. 213 repeated by an error.

Given at Wells, July 5. A.D. 1337. And sealed by the said R. Gyan.

The D. & C. to R. de la Welle, as on fol. 39.

Indenture made 4 E. II. between the D. and C. and John de Acton Nicholas Braunch; John Clivedon; Knights; Hugh de Bello Campo and Idonea his wife; John de Berklee, and Walter le Bole, about pastures and alder beds &c. in Stathmore. fol. 213. fol. 214.

Charter of Walter Portefer granting to John atte Sloo, his wife Marjorie, and their son John, a burgage and a half at Nywport. A.D. 1350. fol. 214 in dors.

Letter of Ralph de Middelnye about the bounds of his and the D. and C. lands. A.D. 1339.

A list of separable meadows, and common lands &c. in North Cory, Hacche, Knapp. fol. 215.

Letter of Hugh de la Wyche to Robert Gyan, that he has granted to Hugh de la Hele a rent of 1½*d.* &c. A.D. 1286.

Similar letter of the same that he has made a grant to the same of the custody of land in Huntsham, during the minority of Adam son and heir of Richard Bustel, or if he die a minor, until the majority of his brother William. Test: Walter de Loveny, Knight; William de Thorne; Galfrid de la Sloo; Thomas de Mere &c. fol. 215 in dors.

Charter of the same granting to the same a rent of 1½*d.* in North Cory &c.

Charter of Mabilia Rowles of North Cory granting to Hugh de la Hele and Alice his wife a messuage &c. in North Cory. A.D. 1296. fol. 216.

Charter of Walter Portifer granting to Rd. Craddock and Nich. Mansel, Clerk, a burgage in North Cory. A.D. 1371.

Charter of Ralph fil: Bernard to Edmund. cf. I. fol. 11.

Final concord between Ralph fil: Bernard and the D and C. cf. I. fol. 11. fol. 216 in dors.

A warranty given by the same. cf. I. fol. 11.

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John, the Abbot of Athelney appoints a proctor to represent the Abbey in their suit with the D and C. A.D. 1394.

fol. 217. Bond for the repayment of a loan of £20 to the D. and C. by William Colne of North Cory. A.D. 1324.

fol. 217 in dors. Settlement of questions which have arisen between the D. and C., and Hugh de Bello Campo and Idonea his wife, about a Chantry of 3 days in the week at S. Martin's Chapel in Lillesdon, and about water rights &c. . . The D. and C. will build two bridges. A.D. 1317.

fol. 218. Certificate of John Copleston, Sheriff of Somerset, that the D. and C. have certain pastures in Saltmore, about which there had been a suit with the Abbey of Athelney, Elias Spelly, and Richard Brice, and that he gave them possession on June 7, A.D. 1386 in the presence of John Lorty, Edward Seyntloo, and John Wareyn, Canons of Wells; William Whyttok, Thomas Miles &c.

fol. 218 in dors. Charter of Roger de Molis granting to Hugh de la Hele the custody of the lands of William de Insula in Stathe during his minority.

Given at Cadbury on Wednesday next after the Translation of S. Benedict. A.D. 1294.

Indenture between the D. and C. and Peter of Yevelton Cofyn nephew and heir of Thomas de Somerton, about tenements in North Cory. A.D. 1362.

fol. 219. Agreement made between the D. and C. and the Lady Idonea de Beauchamp and Henry de Lillesdone, to the same effect as on fol. 211.

fol. 219 in dors. Charter of Richard Collake granting to Hugh de la Hele, and Alice his wife an acre &c. in Scherpham.

fol. 220. Charter of Walter de Kaam granting to Hugh de la Hale a tenement in Hountsham. A.D. 1294.

Charter of H. Bp of Wynton granting to Robert de Columbariis, "My Knight," the land of Hacche which I bought from Bernerius de fferraria for the use of the Church of Wynton, and which was confirmed by King Stephen, to be held by him and his heir on the service of one knight &c.

fol. 220 in dors. Test: Henry nephew of the king; Robert de Cornevilla; Bernard, Richard, William, and William, "My Chaplains"; Master Gaufrid, and Master William, and Master Auschetill, clerks; Henry nephew of the king; Henry de Portu; Robert de Novo Burgo; Hugh de Fiscanno; Roger de Meleford; Gaufrid de ffurnell; Thomas de Monte Acuto; and Hamo his brother; Radulf de portu; Osbert de Capenall; Richard de Fiscanno; Gislibert fil: Odonis; Gislibert fil: Aufrid; Gislibert fil: Hunfrid de Sartilli; Engelard the Chamberlain, and William his nephew; Peter dispensator; William de Stana; Robert his brother; Patrick fil: Walter de Sarum; Robert fil: Alberic de Ver; Richard fil: Gerold de Tantona.

The Confirmation by R. Duke of Normandy as in I. fol. 15.

Acknowledgment by Robert de Columbariis. cf. I. fol. 69.

Letter of Walter de Kaam to Robert de Hountsham that he has granted certain rents and services to Hugh de la Hele, and that they are now to be paid to him. A.D. 1294.

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Charter of William Osegod granting to the D. and C. all rights which he may have in the properties of Hugh, or William de la Hele or their heirs. A.D. 1363. fol. 221.

Indenture made between the D. and C. and Humphrey Shiliere, chaplain; the latter is to have all the Altilagium of the Chapel of Stoke S. Gregory in North Cory parish, with house and tithes, for seven years, or payment of 100 shillings a year &c. The said H. may also assign an aque bajulum in the presence and with the consent of the D. and C.'s Seneschal to the service of the said chapel. A.D. 1395.

Charter of Thomas, Prior of Worspring about the payment of a corrody of a quarter of wheat. A.D. 1383.

Charter of Walter de Caam, lord of Knappe, granting to Richard de la Welle and Cecilia his wife, and to Margaret who was the wife of Richard Trul of Tanton 18 acres of land &c. at Scallard, for their lives. Anno regni Edwardi 30°. fol. 222.

Richard de Caam surrenders to Margerie Cotele land which the D. and C. had leased to him in North Cory. A.D. 1337. fol. 222 in dors

Richard Craddok, parson of Cory Malet Church, and Nicholas Mancel, Chaplain, grant to Margerie at Sloo the burgage granted to them by Walter Portyfer. A.D. 1372.

Convention made between the D. and C. and William Hughet and his daughter Emma, about pastures in North Cory. A.D. 1311. fol. 223.

A similar agreement made with Robert de Ochram. A.D. 1311.

General pardon by Henry VI. fol. 224.
Teste me ipso apud Westm: Feb. 20. A.D. 1458. fol. 225.

Licence from King Henry to the D. and C. to acquire 40 marcate of land, which are not held of the crown in capite. John Storthwaite, John Godeford, and John Reynald, Clerks, may make over lands and rents in Stokecursy and Edeston, to the value of 50 shillings per annum, upon the report of William Poulet the Eschaetor, to the D. and C., for the benefit of the soul of the late Bishop, and for their own. fol. 225 in dors.
Test: Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester, Custos Anglie, at Westm. May 20, anno regni 8°.
The D. and C. have paid 20 marcs for this licence.

A similar licence granted by Edward IV. fol. 226.
Teste me ipso, at Wycombe, Nov. 8, anno regni 4°.
Per breve de privato sigillo, et de dato predicto, auctoritate parliamenti et pro centum et quadraginta libris solutis in hanaperio.

Pardon by Edward IV. to Richard Swan, prepositus of Wells Cathedral, canon residentiary, parson of Yevelton church, and Exor. of the Will of the late Bishop Thomas Bekyngton of B. and W.; Exor. of the Will of the late Richard Praty, Bishop of Chichester, &c. fol. 226 in dors.
Teste me ipso at Westminster, March 7. Anno regni 12°.

A similar pardon by King Edward to Hugh Sugar, John Pope, and Richard Swan, clerks, the Exors. of the Will of Thomas de Bekynton, late Bp. of B. and W. fol. 227. fol. 228.
After a long list of subjects in general to which the pardon extends, it is provided that it shall not extend to any transgressions committed subsequent to March 4, anno regni 5°; nor to Humphry Nevyll,

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miles; Thomas Malorie, miles; Robert Marchall late of Culveham in Oxford county, armiger; nor to Hugh Mulle, late of London, Gentilman; Gervase Clyston, late of London, miles; William Verdon, late of London, scryvener; Peter House, late of London, armiger; Morgan ap Thomas ap Gruffath, late of Kermerdyn, in the county of Kermerdyn, Gentilman; Henry ap Thomas ap Gruffuth, late of the same place, Gentilman; Owyn ap Gruffuth ap Nicholas, late of the same place, armiger; Maurice ap Owyn ap Gruffuth, late of the same place, Gentilman; Thomas Philip late of Rye, in the county of Gloucester, Yeoman, nor to any other person attainted of high treason by any of our Parliaments, and not received back to the benefit of the law by the authority of any Parliament, or by our letters patent, nor to their heirs . . . . Nor to our enemy Henry VI. late de facto et non de jure king of England, nor to Margaret his wife, nor to Edward the son of Margaret, nor to any persons who consort with the said Margaret and Edward beyond our realm, nor to the rebels who hold the Castle or town of Hardelaugh in Northwall against us.

Exceptions also about the treasury, Calais, the officers of the garderobe, &c., &c.

Teste me ipso at Westminster. Aug. 24. Anno regni 8°.

fol. 230. Pardon by E. IV. to John Pope, Prebendary of S. Decuman's parson of Shyre Church, Exor. of the Will of the late Thomas de Bekyngton, Bp. of B. and W.

No list of names of persons excepted as in the last.

Teste me ipso at Westminster. March 12. Anno regni 12°.

fol. 232. Exemplificatio processus facti pro aquis et Warenna de North Cory, tempore Ricardi secundi.

An account of an inquisition which had been held, the names of the jurors, and of those who are charged with having illegally entered upon the lands of the D. and C. vi et armis, and taken fish et alia bona et catalla, to the value of £200, and also hares, rabbits, pheasants and partridges, and corn and grass to the value of £40; with having made a watercourse upon the D. and C. land, imperilled their cattle, and beaten their servants, so that they dared not stay for fear of their lives. They had come in with swords and bows and arrows and had vi et armis taken salmon, peel, pike, lampreys, lamprons, eels and flounders . . . 2,000 hares, 10,000 rabbits, 1,000 pheasants, 1,000 partridges, wood and corn, &c., together worth £240, and had pastured stock there. The names of the 11 servants who had been beaten and maltreated are given, and of 6 others who had to fly to save life or limb, and an account of the courts which could not be held, &c. The D. and C. had been kept out of their rights for 13 years and have suffered loss to the value of £2,000.

The details with the arguments on both sides are given at length on 7 folios. The parties are summoned to appear before the Justiciaries R. Bealknap, &c. at Wells on Wednesday, and the sheriff is to summon a jury of 24 from the locality. The parties appeared, but the sheriff had not summoned the jury. The case is adjourned to the next day, fol. 236. on Thursday, at Strete near Glastonbury. Again the parties appear, but sufficient notice had not been given for the gathering together of the 24 jurors, they are therefore ordered to appear before the said Justiciaries on the next day, Friday, the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt., at Pontyngdon. The jury this time came, but so late that the case is adjourned to Saturday at Yevelchestre where a jury is formed. Some of the accused fail to appear and are con-

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demned in default; others are acquitted upon some and condemned upon others of the charges, and are ordered to pay damages to the D. and C.; for the game 40 marcs, for the fish 100 marcs, for the timber, &c. £10, for the pasturage, &c., £10, for the watercourse 100 marcs, for the assault on the servants £20.

It appears that some of the defendants appeal against the amount of the damages. The case is heard at Gloucester. Some of the Yvelchester jurors give evidence on oath and the verdict is confirmed.

Teste me ipso at Westminster Aug. 1. Anno regni 3°.

Confirmation by Edward III. at the Parliament held at Westminster at Easter anno regni 15°, of the liberties of the Church, of Magna Carta, Carta de forestis, &c. Printed in the Statutes. fol. 239.

Acquittance by King Edward for money borrowed.

On July 17, anno regni 8°, John de Sandale, locum tenens thesaurarii; Robert Baiguard, miles; and our merchants Antonius Pessangue, John de Bureford, William Conmartyn, William Trent, William Servat, William de Doncastre, and John Vaune, bound themselves to John Bp. of B. and W., and to the Chapter of Wells for 500 marcs payable at Easter; we have granted to the said Bp. and Chapter the power of collecting and retaining the said sum out of the aid about to be given by the clergy of the province of Canterbury, if it shall be given before that date.

Teste me ipso at Langele March 21, anno regni 9°. fol. 241.

Privelegium Regis Edwardi [Confessoris] de omnibus possessionibus Wellensis ecclesie.

Printed in Cod. Dip. iv., p. 163.

Carta regis Edwardi concessa pro libertate Ecclesie Anglicane. fol. 242.

Gives the Articles, 18 in number, agreed to in the Parliament at Lincoln, anno regni 9°.

Teste me ipso at York, Nov. 24, anno regni 10°. Printed in the Statutes.

Agreement between John, Bp. B. and W., and the D. and C. about their share in vacant benefices. The D. and C. are to retain the fruits of all benefices notorie vacantium. They have jurisdiction in their own prebends and churches. The Archdeacons retain their former rights and jurisdictions. A.D. 1321. fol. 244 in dors.

Charter of Henry VI. contra provisores suos. fol. 245.

It has been agreed in the Parliameut at Westminster, anno regni avi nostri 14°, that no servant of the Crown take any of the corn, hay or cattle of ecclesiastical persons, and that no requisitions be made upon them for the entertainment of the king, or for carriage for his use. There have been grievous complaints that such exactions are common. For the future all such offenders are to be arrested at once and brought before "us and our council" &c.

Teste me ipso at Westminster, Oct. 7, anno regni 7°. Per ipsum regem et consilium. Billyngford.

Charta of Bp. Robert forbidding fairs to be held in the cemetery at Wells. fol. 245 in dors.

"Nonnullorum autem constat experientie quod tumultus nundinarum que in eadem ecclesia et in atrio ejus hactenus esse consueverint ad dedecus et incommodum ejusdem ecclesie accedit cum in ea ministrantibus quam maxime sit importunus et eorum impedit devociones, et orationum quietem perturbat, verum ne contra vocem divinam domum

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orationis speluncam patiamur fieri negociacionis, statuimus . . . ut quicunque illic in tribus festivitatibus, viz. Invent: S. Crucis, in Fest S.: Calixti, et in celebritate S. Andree, negociaturi convenerint in plateis ville illius negociationes suas securi et ab omni prava consuetudine et in quietudine liberi exerceant, et nullatenus ecclesiam vel atrium ecclesie violare presumant.

Test: Ivo, the Dean, Regni the Precentor, Robert and Thomas, the Archdns., Edward, Master Eustace, William de S. Fide, Radulf Martre, William de Atebera, Peter de Chiu, Walter pistor &c.

fol. 246 in dors.

Confirmation of the Statutes of the Cathedral by Bp. H. Bowet. Given at the Palace in Wells. A.D. 1404.

Charter of King William I.

In the margin; ðis is ðere xxx. hyda ðat boc æt Banayelle þe Willhelm cyng gebocade st° Andrea Apło in to þam biscoprice æt yelle a on ece yrfe.

Printed in the Proceedings of the Som. Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. vol. xxiii., p. 49.

fol. 247 in dors.

Protection to the D. and C. given by Edward I. Teste me ipso apud Porcester, Sept. 14. Anno regni 18°.

fol. 248.

Release from payment of the subsidy given by the last Parliament, granted to the D. and C. by king Henry VI.

fol. 248 in dors.

Teste me ipso at Westminster, April 30, anno regni 5°. "Per ipsum regem et consilium. Bubbewyth."

Testamentum domini Hugonis Lincoln. Epi.

✠ In nomine Sancte et individue Trinitatis, Ego Hugo divina miseratione Lincoln. Eps. ecclesie qualiscumque minister, condidi testamentum meum de bonis meis que michi restituenda sunt in Anglia, in hunc modum. Imprimis volo ut reddantur debita subscripta, scilicet CCLXI. marce et dim., si non fuerint solute, de quodam debito quod scit dominus Bath domino ["pape" obliterated] quod ei debetur de Episcopatu Lincoln. de tempore meo de denariis beati Petri; domino regi Anglie DC. marce, et viii. marce, et viii. solidi et unus denarius de diversis particulis quas scit dominus Bath, preter ea si qua debentur de Ludingeland; lego autem pro anima mea D. marcas ad fabricam ecclesie Lincoln., et D. marcas ad emendas terras, redditus et possessiones ad augmentandam communam ejusdem ecclesie; vicariis Lincoln. ecclesie lx. marcas, et CCC. marcas ad distribuendum per domos religiosas episcopatus Lincoln.; et centum marcas ad distribuendum per domos leprosorum ejusdem episcopatus; et centum marcas per domos hospitales episcopatus ejusdem; et CCC. marcas distribuendas ecclesiis quas habemus ad libros et ornamenta emenda, Domui de Stanleg xxx. marcas, Domui de Quarrei xx. marcas. Domui de Polestlon xxx. marcas, Domui de ffernleg decem marcas, Domui de Plinton cent. marcas; pro anima relicte Galfridi de Maud xx. marc.; Thome de Maud xx. marc., Willelmo de Maud xl. marcas, Ricardo de Argenton iii. marcas, cuidam militi de Notingehamsire tenenti de archiepiscopatu Ebor., cujus filiam Gatyes habere voluit ad opus filii sui xl. marcas, Ricardo cujus fuerat Hill quam Robertus de Maud xxx. marcas, Willelmo capellano de Niweton quondam persone de Trent x. marcas, ad hospitale construendum pro anima Jordani de Turry, vel ad alias elemosynas pro anima sua faciendas per executores testamenti sui et per consilium executorum hujus testamenti CCC. marcas, relicte Simonis de Bugeden xx. marcas. Chrispine relicte Hugonis fabri et filie sue iii. marcas; Matillde

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Blunde de Wells iii. marcas; Matillde filie Chrispine Sudoure iii. marcas; Domui leprosorum de Selewud iii. marcas; Domui monialium de Berwe x. marcas; Domui de Berliz iii. marcas; ad fabricam ecclesie de Bocland xx. marcas; Domui de Canniton v. marcas; ad construendum hospitale apud Wells D. marcas; hospitali Bathon. vii. marcus et dimid.; Domui leprosorum extra Bath iii. marcas; leprosis extra Ivelcestre iii. marcas; monialibus de Stodleg in Oxenefordsire vii. marcas et dim.; Matilde de Berewich que fuit cum C. Wac vii. marcas et dim., ad se maritandam; Relicte Ricardi Foliot de Stok vii. marcas et dim.; pro anima Eve filie Algari de Wells vii. marcas et dim.; Magistro Johanni de Ebor. nisi a me beneficiatus fuerit centum marcas; ffiliabus Willelmi de Stratton CCC. marcas ad eas maritandas; puelle de S^to^ Edwardo centum et L. marcas ad se maritandam; puero de Evercriz xl. marcas, ad eum exhibendum; pauperibus de consanguinitate mea centum marcas; Johanni de Mertoc lx. marcas; Hereberto de Camera L. marcas; Rogero Mariscall xxx. marcas; Ricardo Mariscall xl. marcas; Walensi Coco xxx. marcas; Ricardo de Camera x. marcas; Matheo de coquina iii. marcas; Galf. filio Petri vii. marcas et dim.; et singulis aliis garcionibus meis mecum euntibus. v. marcas; Galfrido Gmend ii. marcas; Alano le Nottere ii. marcas; Willelmo homini Rogeri Capellani v. marcas; Willelmo scriptori meo x. marcas; Volo autem quod restituantur hominibus meis tam militibus quam aliis facta mihi restitutione que me et eos contingit omnia que ab eis capta sunt injuste in hoc interdicto. Item. lego Canonicis de Moreton xx. marcas; Canonicis de Sta Barbara xx. marcas; pro anima filii Stephani persone de Dokemeresf. vii. marcas et dim.; hujus autem testamenti mei executores constituo dominum Bathon., et Magistrum Hel. de Derham ad recipienda omnia et distribuenda ut predixi, et dominum Cantuar., et confratres, et coexules meos rogo quatinus pro Deo et honore Ecclesie Dei, et pro salute animarum suarum et mee cum requisiti fuerint consilium et auxilium efficax apponant ut hoc testamentum meum compleatur. Quod autem ultra hec omnia predicta remanserit tam de his que michi restituenda sunt quam de aliis bonis meis et his que michi debentur volo quod per predictos executores mei testamenti distribuatur pro anima mea tam pauperibus per Episcopatum Lincoln. quam alibi, sicut magis viderint expedire. Qui etiam nichilominus de libris, pannis, et vestibus meis disponant sicut commodius noverint faciendum. Si vero interim de domino Bathon. humanitus contigerit, quod Dominus avertat, volo quod Magister Heł et Magister Reginaldus de Cestre omnia exequantur cum consilio domini Cantuar., et domini Elyensis. Et si de Magistro Heł ita contingat humanitus, volo quod dominus Bathon. omnium sit executor habito inde consilio domini Cantuar. cum viderit expedire. Ad hec lego ad fabricam Ecclesie Wellen. CCC. marcas, et ad communam ecclesie ipsius augmentandam, tam ad opus vicariorum quam canonicorum CCC. marcas, et XL. marcas distribuendas vicariis ecclesie memorate.

Actum apud S^tm^ Martinum de Garenn', in die S^ti^ Bricii, pontificatus mei anno tertio, presentibus domino J. Bathon. Episcopo; Magistro Heł de Derham; Magistro Johanne de Ebor., Magistro Regni de Cestre, Magistro Willelmo, Rogero, et Heł, capellanis, Petro de Cic. et Willelmo de Ham.

General sentence of Excommunication against all who infringe the liberties contained in Magna Carta and in the Carta de forestis. fol. 249 in dors.

As on I. fol. 228. Dated 3° Id. Maii A.D. 1253.

Printed in Select Charters p. 364.

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fol. 250. Confirmation by M. de Chandos of the grant to S. Mary's Church at Staweia by Silvanus, of 3½ acres in Betescumb at the dedication of the Church; And also of the grant at the same time of 1 acre at Bueli by Roger de Paris, &c.

Test: Walter the Prior of Bocland; Archdn: Richard de Gilleford; Master R. de Lech:; Josceline and Walter the Bp's. Chaplains; H. de Vinel; R. Dean of Spacheston and of Modiford; R. Fichet; Philip de Horsi; H. de Gahiste; G. fil Walter, &c.

Bull of Pope Boniface VIII., recounting and confirming the liberties and privileges of S. Augustine's, Canterbury.—Anno pontif. 9°.

fol. 251 in dors. Inspex: by W. Bp. of B. and W. of the Charter of King John, de theloneo. A.D. 1249.

Grant by Bp. Beckington to the burgesses of Wells of Conduit Water from S. Andrew's Well. Sept. 20. A.D. 1451.

fol. 253 in dors. Confirmation of the last by Thomas Lacock, Prior of Bath, &c. Sept. 27.

Conf: of the same by Nicholas Carent, Dean of Wells, &c. . . Same date.

The beginning of a letter from the D. and C. of Sarum to the D. and C. of Wells about the customs of Sarum. Similar to the letter in I. fol. 29 as far as it goes, but a folio has been cut out here.

fol. 254. fol. 255. A document, the earlier part missing, about a disputed right of presentation, and the decision given apparently by a commission issued by the Pope. The D. and C. of Wells had claimed by ancient right to institute to the Vicarage of Yatton prebend, sede vacante, and had instituted Peter. Thomas de Bedeford, clerk of Lincoln diocese, and acting as official for the Archbp. of Canterbury had removed the said Richard and instituted William Majoris Britannie. The decision is in favour of the D. and C. with costs 10*l.* against the said Thomas.

fol. 255 in dors. Charter of the purchase of Combe by Bp. Giso in Saxon. Printed in Som. Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. Proceedings, Vol. XXII., p. 107.

fol. 256. Inspeximus and Confirmation by King Edward of the Wells Cathedral Charters, beginning with that of Richard I. Fills 3 folios.

Test: S. Bp. of Ely, Chancellor; and J. of Worcester, Treasurer; John Duke of Lancaster, Edmund Earl of Cambridge, "filiis nostris carissimis"; the Earls Richard Arundell, William Sarum, and Thomas de Veer, Oxon, and Edward le Despenser; John at Lee, seneschal hospitii nostri; &c.

Given per manum nostram at Westminster, Dec. 11, Anno regni 37° per ipsum regem.

fol. 259. Composition between the chaplain of Ottrinneton and the parson of Staweye. As on. I. fol. 37 in dors.

Presente capitulo apud Ileminstre.

fol. 260. Inspex: by King Henry of a grant by Thomas Bp. of B. and W. to Thomas Boleyn, clerk, and John Trevenant, clerk, of a piece of ground in Wells &c. on Sept. 27. A.D. 1451.

Confirmed Dec. 5, Anno regni, 30°. Pemberton.

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Confirmation by Pope Clement (III.), addressed to R. Bp. of Bath of the new possessions of the church of Wells. Smudged with red chalk.

Letter from Pope Innocent (IV.) to the Archdn. of Gloucester of Worcester diocese. He is to give his assistance to the Bp. and Chapters of B. and W., against those who invade their rights.
Given at Lyons, June 20. Pontificatus anno 5°.
Partially smudged as the last.

Confirmation by Pope Alexander (IV.) of the appropriation of Pilton, South Brent, and Bokeland, to be prebends. fol. 261.
Given at the Lateran, March 4. Anno pontif. 2°.
Partially smudged as the last, with special attention to the words "apostolica" and "papa."

Commission issued by Pope Innocent (IV.) Decano Christianitatis, and to the Archdns: of Worcester and Gloucester, to support the D. and C. of Wells against the Abbey of Glastonbury which has falsely alleged that it has suffered wrong in the composition entered into between it and the Chapter.
Given at Lyons, Dec. 13. Pontif. anno 4°.
Partially obliterated like the last.

Commission issued by Pope Gregory (X.) to the Abbot of S. Augustine's, Bristoll, to inquire into a complaint made by the D. & C. of Wells and the clergy of the city and diocese, "quod . . . . Eps. Roffensis asserens quod O [Othobonus] . . . legatus ei mandaverat ut quibusdam nobilibus, qui se dicebant bonis suis omnibus spoliatos a clero regni Anglie faceret pro sustentatione sua subsidium aliquod exhiberi predictis Decano et Capitulo et clero predictarum civitatis et diocesis mandavit ut pro dicto subsidio quandam solverent pecunie quantitatem. They object that the legate's authority had expired, before the Bp. made this order, and appeal against it. fol. 261 in dors.
Given at the Lateran, April 4, Pontif. anno 1°. This entry also smudged.

Letter of Pope Alexander (IV.) to the Bps. of Worcester and London. fol. 262.
Complaint has been made to him by the Bp. of B. and W., that in the matter of the patronage of Glastonbury Abbey, the King's officers have done much injury to the rights and properties of the Bishop. They are to represent the case to the King and beg of him that he prohibit his officers from such interference. fol. 262 in dors.
Given at Viterbo, Jan. 6. Pontif. anno 4°.
Much damaged with black chalk.

Pope Innocent (III.) to S. Bp. of Bath and Glaston. The Bp. has represented in person, that the See has suffered much by the action of his predecessor who multo ad jus episcopale spectantia, propria voluntate distraxit; the bishop may therefore by this authority recover these things, sublato appellationis obstaculo.
Given at the Lateran, July 1. Pontif anno 3°.
"Glastonie episcopo" smudged with black chalk, and the rest of the entry somewhat marked.

Pope Innocent (IV.) Epo. Menevensi.

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Inasmuch as there is a fixed number of persons in the churches of Bath and Wells, he is to take care that no larger number be forced upon them, unless by special papal mandate.

fol. 263. Given at Lyons, June 17. Pontif anno 5°.

Boniface VIII. to the Archdn : of Oxon.

The D. and C. have complained that certain persons, unknown, have been doing them injury in their lands, &c., &c., revenues, &c., legacies, ecclesiastical books, chalices, brass, silver, and gilt vessels, vestments, &c., &c. These persons are to be summoned to appear, &c. under pain of excommunication, and this is to be published until satisfaction is given.

Given at S. Peter's Rome, Feb. 27. Pontif. anno 5°.

The first three lines much smudged.

Alexander (IV.) [the rest of the line carefully erased, as is also the name in the margin; the next three lines smudged].

Confirmation by him of the letter of Pope Honorius (III.), about the union of Bath and Glastonbury churches.

Decrees the dissolution of the union which has been the cause of much strife.

Details of the arrangement.

Given at S. Peter's Rome, May 17. A.D. 1218. [The word "papa" carefully erased.]

The confirmation is given thus. "Quia prout asseris apud sedem apostolicam, et in regno Anglie uti hujusmodi litteris te oportet nobis humiliter supplicasti, ut providere tibi super hoc paterna sollicitudine curaremus. Nos itaque tuis supplicationibus inclinati, litteras ipsas de verbo ad verbum transcribi fecimus, et earum transcripto bullam nostram apponi, nolentes per hoc tibi vel ecclesiis tuis aliquod jus acquiri de novo, sed antiquum tantummodo conservari; nec volentes Glastoniensi monasterio quomodolibet prejudicium generari."

Given at Viterbo, Feb. 9. Pontif. anno 4°.

fol. 265. Confirmation by Pope Alexander (IV.) of the liberties of the churches of Glastonbury and Bath.

Given at Viterbo, Jan. 9. Pontif. anno 4°.

The first page, and the confirmation clause at the end, crossed out and smudged with red chalk.

fol. 266 in dors. Confirmation by Pope [Alexander III. the name is carefully erased] to Bp. Reginald, of the possessions of the church at Wells; of the Bp.'s power to remove the Prior of Bath for sufficient reason after consultation with the Chapter or other religious men, and of his jurisdiction over other religious houses. Prohibition against the erection of any church or oratory without the Bp.'s sanction; and definition of the Bp.'s authority in religious houses and churches. Authority to compel the attendance at his synods of Abbots, Priors, and other who are bound to attend. None to officiate in the diocese without his permission. If any Monks or other religious men, clerks, or laymen, are presented to or present themselves to any benefices without the Bp.'s consent, he may remove them, dummodo excessus eorum sit publicus et notorius. Many details about the Bp.'s authority.

(Add allowances.)

Sanctus Petrus, S. Paulus, Alexander papa III.

Attested by Alexander Catholice Eccle. Eps.

Hubald Hostiensis Eps.

Conrad, Salzburg. Eccle: humilis minister et Sab: Eps:

And 17 more.

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Given at the Lateran, April 22. A.D. 1179, Pontif. anno 20°.
A marginal note at the beginning adds, In hoc privilegio confirmatur panis, medo et cap'oli seu porci que computantur in crast. Pasch de. Glaston.

Pope Adrian (IV.), (erased,) to Robert, Bp. of Bath. fol. 268 in dors.
Confirmation of the possessions of Bath Abbey, all enumerated. Amongst them "Salinas in nova foresta que dicuntur Hernemuda."
"S. Petrus, S. Paulus, Adrianus papa IIII," erased.
Attested by Adrian, Hymar Tuscul: Eps.; Gregory, Sab: Eps; and 15 more.
Given at the Lateran, May 12. A.D. 1156. Pontif. anno 3°.

Inspex: and conf: by Robert de Gurnay of a charter of William, son of John de Harpetre, granting to Bp. Josceline the church of Harpetre; Test: W. de Raleg, R. de Lexington, Thom. de Muleton, Justiciaries de Banco; Roger Tirel; John de Campo Florido; Thomas de Alta Villa, &c. fol. 269 in dors.

Letter of Henry Parker, Vicar of Dultyng, that he has granted to Dean John Fordham and the Chapter, one acre for a quarry. A.D. 1381. fol. 270.

Charter of Richard of Bruton the Chancellor of the Cathedral. The Chapter (in the absence of the Dean) had given to his predecessor Nicholas Danyel a house in Torrelane for the use of the Master of the Grammar School for the School, in exchange for the house in the Mounterye where the school used to be held; and the said Richard now gives possession to the Chapter of the said house at Torregate to be used as the school. Anno regni regis H. IV. 11°. fol. 270 in dors.

Indenture between Richard Courtenay, the Dean and the Chapter, and Canon Thomas Frome about the house used as a school at the Mountreye. fol. 271.
The same date as the last.

Indenture between the vicars and the D. & C. and others about the secunda matutinalis missa. fol. 271 in dors.
Two Chaplains mentioned are, annellarios et ad presens ministros novi hospitii per exors. bone memorie . . . Radulfhi nuper Epi . . ad usum dictorum ministrorum ac aliorum duodecim consociorum suorum annellariorum . . . in le Mounterye erectum et honorifice de novo constructum.
Mentions a messuage called Cristeshamesyn in the High Street.
The document describes all the arrangements made for the service of the said Mass.
Anno regni regis H. IV. 8°.

Confirmation by Pope Clement [name erased] of the appropriation to Ralph, Bp. of B. and W. of the Church of Chiw, in consideration of the great expenses of his table and the small revenue allotted to it, at the most not more than 20*l.* The Church of Chiw is worth 50 marcs.
A long document of 4 folios, reciting the steps which have been taken and the arrangement about a vicarage.
Given at Avignon, Aug. 2. Pontif. anno 4°.

The foundation of H. Husee's Chantry, as on I. fol. 52. fol. 277 in dors.

Order made by Bp. John, with the consent of the chapters of B. and W., about the pension of 10 marcs paid to the Chantry founded for the fol. 278 in dors.

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two Bps., William de Button, and for John de Button the prepositus, and the service of the chantry. About the appropriation of Berwes Church, and of land at Middleton to the Archdeaconry, &c.

Given at Banewell, Sept. 9. A.D. 1328.

Confirmed by Robert the Prior of Bath, and sealed also by Robert de Wamberg, Archdn. of Wells.

fol. 279 in dors. Pardon by King Edward to the D. and C. for acquiring certain lands, named, notwithstanding the statute of Mortmain, &c.

Given at Ffaxflete, July 6. Anno regni 16°.

fol. 280. Foundation of the Chantry of Maurice de Gant at S. Augustine's, Bristoll. He gives all his Manor of Poulet, and a mill at Were, and one at Radewik held for life by Alexander and John de Striguill; and certain rents in Bristol, one of them one marc on the house of Richard Cordwenar juxta pisam.

Test: William fil: Johs. de Harpetre; Robert de Gurnay; Jordan Warr; Robert de Berkelay, Canon of Wells; Gilbert de Schipton; Adam de Budeford; William de Hida; Reginald de Camm; Gilbert de Camm, &c.

fol. 280 in dors. Inspex: and conf: of the last by Robert de Gurnay for himself and his heirs.

Test: R. Dunholm; J. Bathon; et R. Cicestr, dni regis Cancellar; Eps.; Dno. H. de Burgo, comit Cant. et Anglie justiciar; Anselmo, electo Meneven; Dno. Stephano de Segrave: Dno. Johanne Marescall: Magistro Hugone fil Ricardi; Jordano la Ware; Gilberto de Sipton; Johanne de Campo florido; Henrico de Vein; Elga de Staford; Rad. Russell; Tervic, clerico, &c.

fol. 281. The D. and C. in consideration of the liberality of Canon Richard Drayton, Prebendary of Whit-Lakeyngton, who has given to Hugh Morland and William Martyn, the principales communis aule et omnium annellariorum of the church, and to the whole body, no small sum of money, and a chalice, a manual, a vestment, and other sufficient ornaments for the altar of S. Edmund in the nave of the cathedral; with the assent of the said two principals and of the whole body order that one of the annellarii be nominated each week to say one mass de S. Maria Virgine, for the good estate, and for the soul of the said Canon, for which there shall be paid 12*d.* This is to be charged on the rent de novo tenemento nostro vulgariter appellato le Crystyshamhyn, situate in Wells juxta Altam Crucem, quod habemus ad usum dictorum annellariorum nostrorum. April 20, A.D. 1414.

fol. 231 in dors.

About the candle supplied by Bruton. cf. I. fol. 46.

About the 100 lbs. of wax supplied by Weston. cf. I. fol. 214.

fol. 282. A composition between the D. and C. and the Treasurer about the offerings made in S. Mary's Chapel juxta Claustrum. The Treasurer is to have all offerings made on the day of the Purification between the first stroke of the bell for matins, quousque dicatur completorium secundarum vesperarum; all other offerings to go to the Chapel and the Chaplains. A.D. 1269.

Guydo de Schevyngdon, Rector of Weston-by-Worle, summoned and ordered to pay arrears of the 100 lbs. of wax to the Treasurer. A.D. 1277.

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Charter of William Clavyne de Cote granting to the Church of Mertok and to Hugh the Rector a piece of ground by his house for 20*d.* A.D. 1262. fol. 282 in dors.

Indenture between Walter de London, the Dean and the Chapter, and William de Litelton, the Precentor, and Thomas Husebonde als. Martel and their heirs, to whom the D. and C. are bound to pay 4*l.* a year for 25 years. If the D. and C. establish a chantry and pay for the support of the chantry five marcs a year for 25 years they shall be discharged from their bond. A.D. 1346. fol. 283. fol. 283 in dors.

Licence granted by Thomas Stanle the Dean and the Chapter to Canon Walter Wyncaulton, to erect an altar before the Crucifix on the north side of the great tower. A.D. 1406.

Inspex: and conf: by Thomas the Prior of Bath of a charge made by the D. and C. of Wells of 10*l.* a year on their Manor of North Cory for an obit for Canon William be Welyngton, in return for his great liberality towards the Church and to the fabric of the Chapter House. Details of the services, &c. March 24. A.D. 1300 intrante. fol. 284.

Prohibition issued by King Edward against the attempts which have been made to question his right to appoint the Treasurer, Jordan Moraunt. fol. 285.

Teste me ipso at Reygate, June 1. Anno regni 3°.

The Dean of Axbrygge to the official of the Archdn: of Wells. Has received his mandate addressed to the Dean of Axebrygge, the Rector of Uphill, and to the Vicars of Kyustoke and Worle, to compel John the Rector of Weston to pay to the Treasurer the arrears of the wax due from him, under pain of suspension and excommunication, and sequestration, until the debt is paid. A.D. 1349.

Jordan Morand the Treasurer to the D. and C.

Gives authority to any two of them to examine the accounts of the late Sub-Treasurer, and to appoint another. fol. 286.

Given in London. Oct. 24. A.D. 1311.

On Jan. 16, A.D. 1341, Canon John Martel, deposited 100*l.* in the Treasury of the Cathedral (in the charge of certain Canons named), for the purpose of founding a perpetual chantry of five marcs for himself, &c., at the altar of S. Katherine and other Virgins, where Bp. John de Drokesford is buried.

The said money is to be expended by the D. and C. in acquiring a patrimonium which will produce the five marcs annually. The D. and C. are to supply vestments, chalice, missal, ornaments of the altar, bread, wine, and a candle. The patronage of the appointment to belong to the said John for his life, afterwards to the Dean and Chapter.

Another document upon the same subject. fol. 287.

Confirmation by Thomas the Prior of Glastonbury and the Brethren, of the grant to Bath Abbey of the Church of Weston, made by Bp. Josceline.

Certificate by Bp. Ralph that the Church of Mertok is annexed to the Treasury of Wells. Richard de Thystelden is Treasurer. A.D. 1344. fol. 287 in dors.

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Charter of Ralph dictus Abbas Montis S. Michaelis de periculo Maris, &c. Granting to Bp. Josceline the Advowson of Mertok Church. A.D. 1226.

fol. 288. Lease by the D. and C. of land at Woky hole. Anno regni, E. III., 7°.

Order of Bp. Reginald about the 20*s*. payable by the Prior of Bruton. cf. I. fol. 43.

Inspex: and conf: by Bp. William of the Charter of Richard Bamfeld. A.D. 1269.

fol. 288 in dors. The following Charter is printed in Cod. Dip., Vol. II., No. 416, but there are many points of difference between the two copies.

þis is þara þreora hida boc æt þest hacanan hamme ⁊ ædglind lea þe Eadred cyng gobocade Eadmunde his þegene on ece yrfe.

+In nomine Dei summi et altissimi Jesu Christi. Manifestum est cunctis quod omnia celestia et terrestria providentia Dei gubernantur que sollicitudo mortalis vite totis nisibus in carorum amicorumque amissione conqueritur ac defletur. Ideo certis adstipulationibus mellita oracula divine clamationis nos frequentinis ortacionibus suadet ut cum his fugitivis et sine dubio transitoriis possessiunculis jugiter mansura regna Dei suffragio adipiscenda sunt. Quam ob causam Ego Eadredus rex Anglorum ceterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium gubernator et rector, cuidam fideli meo ministro vocitato nomine Edmundo pro ejus amabili obedientia, ejusque placabili pecunia qua michi in sue devotionis obsequio detulit, iii. mansus agelluli ei libenter largiendo donavi in illo loco ubi jam dudum solicole illius regionis nomen imposuerunt æt hanacan hamme, quatenus ille bene perfruatur ac perpetualiter possideat quamdiu istius caducis seculi vitam tenere presumet. Et post se cuicunque voluerit ceu corroboravimus perenniter heredi derelinquat ceu supra diximus in eternam hereditatem. Sit autem predictum rus liber ab omni mundiali obstaculo cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis, excepto communi labore, expeditione, pontis arcisve constructione. Si quis autem, quod non optamus, hanc nostram diffinitionem elationis habitu incedens infringere temptaverit, perpessus sit gelidis glaciarum flatibus et pennino exercitu malignorum spiritum, nisi prius in riguis penitentiæ gemitibus et pura emendatione emendaverit. Isque terminibus predicta terra circumgirata esse videtur: þissyndon þara þreora hida land gemæra topest hanecan hamme ⁊ to glind lea ærest of þære landriðe and lang rode oð gænes riþe sþaþest iammor bemidde þearde more oð mæres hammes gemæra sþanorð bemiddan fænne oð gifrecis hammes gemæra sþa to horsiges gemæro þanan minðone land fleot ⁊ ansealtearn þiþ þefenes ea benorþan iand fleote.

Acta est hec prefata donatio anno ab Incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi DCCCCXLVII., Indictione v.

+Ego Eadredus rex Anglorum prefatam donationem sub sigillo sancte Crucis indeclinabiliter consensi atque roboravi.

+Ego Eadgifu ejusdem regis mater cum sigillo sancte crucis confirmavi.

+Ego Oda Dorobornensis Ecclie Archiepus. ejusdem regis principatum et benevolentiam cum sigillo sancte crucis conclusi.

+Ego þeodred Lundoniensis ecclie Eps. corroboravi.

+Ego Ælfheah þintaniensis ecclie Eps. testudinem sancti crucis subscripsi et confirmavi.

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+ Ego Cenpald Eps. predictum donum consensi.
+ Ego Ælfric Eps. consignavi.
+ Ego Æthelgar Eps. roboravi.
+ Ego Ælfred Eps. confirmavi.
+ Ego Þulfsuge Eps. consensi.
+ Ego Æþelstan, dux. + Ego Eadric, dux. + Ego Æthelstan dux. + Ego Þulfgar dux. + Ealdhelm dux.
+ Athelmund, dux. + Ælfgar, dux. + Ælfstan mis.
+ Þulfric mis. + Ælfsige mis. + Þulfric mis. + Ælfric mis. fol. 289.
+ Æthelsige mis. + Æþelnoð mis. Æþelgeard mis.
+ Ælfheah mis. + Ælfred mis. Æþered mis.

Another charter printed in Cod. Dip. No. 1244, but there are several points in which this is different from that copy.

þis is þære aure hyde land boc æt Monapyrþige þe Eadgar cyng gebocade Ælfrice his þegene on ece yrfe.

+ Annuente altithroni Moderatoris imperio totius Albionis trimatum potitus regimine non immemor ob hoc michi recidiva fore concessa ut his strenue æterna lucrarer; Quapropter Ego Eadgar totius Brittaninie basileus quandam telluris particulam 1 videlicet mansam, excepta dimidia pertica loco qui cebriæt monopyrþige nuncupatur vocabulo cuidam ministro michi oppido fideli qui ab hujusce patrie gnosticis nobili Aelfric appellatur vocabulo pro obsequio ejus devotissimo, perpetua largitus sum hereditate, ut ipse vita comite cum omnibus utensilibus pratis videlicet, pascuis, silvis, voti compos habet, et post vite sue terminum quibuscumque voluerit cleronomis immunem derelinquat. Sit autem predictum rus omni terrene servitutis jugo liberum tribus exceptis rata videlicet expeditione pontis arcis ve restauratione. Si quis igitur hanc nostram donationem in aliud quam constituimus transferre voluerit privatus consortio sancte Dei ecclesie eternis baratri incendiis lugubris jugiter cum Juda Christi proditore ejusque complicibus puniatur, si non satisfactione emendaverit congrua quod contra nostrum deliquit decretum. His metis prefatum rus hinc inde giratur. þis synd þere are hyde land gemæru to monapurthige ærust an monapurðiges ford of tham forda up on strem an æstcumb of æstcumbe anriht gemære an pendancumb up an pendancumb to there þille of than þille on riht gemære manþene þyrlanæst of ðamæste monbeotteles put of ðam pytte onriht gæmære to þam fægran þille of ðam þylle ondune anstream to cod þæala forda of þam forda andunestremu on smalabroc and land smalabroces to lihtenes ford of lihtenes fol. 289 in dor forda up on stream to beclceler stile of beclceles stile on riht gemære an thahola dic of þere dic suð on þæne herþoð þænne andladherþoþes to henntune suþeþeurdon of henntune on riht gemære to þære bradan apulduran ongeriht mære on þet hþite styb, of ðam stybbe antlenan mor þæstepearne of clæve (or clæne) morepæst epeardan an þane stream, thanne up on stream eft on monapyrðiges ford ⁊ clæva mor eal intromona purthige et rupa mor healf ⁊ seolæs on stoccum ⁊ seopuræddenonharhrycge.

Anno dominice Incarnationis DCCCCLXIII. scripta est hæc carta his testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina notantur.

+ Eadgar rex Anglorum concessi.
+ Ego Dunstan, Archieps. corroboravi.
+ Ego Oscytel, Archieps. confirmavi.
+ Ego Osulf, Eps. consolidavi.
+ Ego Byrhtehelm, Eps. corroboravi.

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+ Ego Alfpold, Eps. confirmavi.
+ Ego Byrhthelm, Eps. adquievi.
+ Ego Athelwold Abbas. + Ego Ælfhere, dux.
+ Ego Alfheah, dux. + Ego Æthelstan, dux. + Ego Æthelpine dux. + Ego Eadmund dux. + Ego Beorhnod, dux. + Ego Byrhtferd mi. + Ego Ælfwine mi. + Ego Æþelsige mi. + Ego þulfhelm, mi. + Ego Ælfsige, mi. + Ego Offerd, mi. + Ego Ælfhelm, mi.

A Charter not in Cod. Dip.

Burhelines boc a on ece erfe.

In nomine cosmi salvatoris et humani generis redemptoris Jesu Christi, domini nostri, qui solus cum Patre et cum Spiritu Sancto regnum tenet immortale, assidue contingere solet ut bene precessorum decreta per movimeta temporum spatia velut quodam furne caliginis nube tegantur nisi cyrographiorum cautionibus fideliumque personarum sub testimonium plurimorum adstipulante roborata fuerint. Qua de re Ego Eadred rex Anglorum ceterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium gubernator et rector dedi cuidam meo ministro vocitato nomine Burhelin vi. mansas agelluli in illo loco ubi ruricole appellativo usu ludibundisque vocabulis nomen imposuerunt Spinford; quatinus habeat ac perpetualiter possideat quandam vinat (or uniat) et post se cuicumque voluerit eternaliter derelinquat alieni vel extranei, cum campis pascuis pratis silvis, sit hoc predictum rus liber ab omni mundiali obstaculo cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus preter arcem, atque pontem, agonisque obsequium. + His metis prefatum rus hinc inde giratur. Ærest on Spynford of Spynforda on pecgesford, of pecgesforda on ðeonsanford, of ðeonsanford in deonflincford of deonflincforda in holan bæce of holan bæce in Eorsbrycge, of Eorthbrycge in tigpellan þ spa in ymman holig, of ymman holigne in cudan dene, of cudan dene on ða ðic bufan foxcotun ⁊ long dices to þā broce to þā stangedelfe, of thā stangedelfe be þere efese to þala crofte, of þala crofte in þone suð eran holan bæce ⁊ long bæces þið neoþan eostacote ⁊ longdices in grendels mere, of grendels mere in stancofan, of stancofan ⁊ longduneon sciran mere, of sciran mere on þa strete ⁊ long stræte on þastapelas of þan stapulum on þindofer of þind ofere in acleg of aclea to lusdune of lusdune on sicanbyrig of sicanbyrig on þastræte et longstræte to meredic of mær edice on sture ⁊ long sture þest on Spinford. Quam si quis face demonis subpositus aliquibus maculis turbare satagerit sciat se de superis pulsu demonum in ima cadendum, nisi prius hic ad satisfactionem venire maluerit.

fol. 220.

+ Ego Oda, Archieps., consensi.
+ Ego Oscetel, Archieps., non renui.
+ Ego Cynsige, Eps., conclusi.
+ Ego Adulf Eps., prepuncxi.
+ Ego Ædelstan, dux. + Ego Edelwmund, dux. + Ego Alhhelin, dux. + Ædelsige, min. + þulfhelin min. + Ælfwold, min. + Æthelwine min. + Ælfsige, min. + Ufa, min.

The following charter is printed in Cod. Dip., No. 1088, but there are many points of difference between the two copies.

+ In Nomini Domine nostri Jesu Christi; Regnante in perpetuum domino nostro Jesu Christo et omnia de summo celi apice dispensante ac gubernante, cernimus omnia temporalia et presentia perire, labi, transire, aliquando maturus gubernantis Dei dispensationibus evidenter finibus aliquando secularum rerum ingruentibus accessibus, id

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est evidentibus cladibus bellorum, incendiis urbium et terrarum, direptionibus predarum anxionibus infirmitatum, et aliis innumerabilibus causis existentibus ne oblivione tradita que in nostris temporibus facta sunt viderentur litteram apicibus evidenter commendare curavimus. Qua propter Ego Eadþeard Dei indulgente clementia Angul Saxonum rex, tres villas id est þeolingtun terram de sex manentium et Bocland terram de quinque manentium, atque Lidgeard terram xii. manentium, dedi Asser, Scireburnensis ecclesie Episcopo, et illi familie, causa commutationis illius monasterii qui Saxonice dicitur Plymentun un utraque parte in perpetuam hereditatem et michi et illis cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus id est hominibus, et pecoribus silvis campis, pascuis, pratis, piscuariis ut habeant suis diebus et relinquant quibuscunque successoribus ad illam sedem post se venientibus quam diu ulla Cristianitas in ista terra fuerit, sine ullo censu et vectigali ulli nomini terreno, exceptis tribus causis id est expeditione, et arcis et pontis constructione. Si quis hoc custodire et augere voluerit augeat ei Deus bona presentia et celestia gaudia consequatur. Si quis vero quod non optamus instigante diabolo, hoc frangere vel minuere ausus fuerit sciat se rationem redditurum ante tribunal Christi in illo tremendo et terribili die judicii nisi prius dura et pura emendaverit penitentia in ista presenti vita. Et si quis protulerit aliam heriditariam cartulam contra hanc nostre donationis taxationen irrita coram Deo et hominibus fiat, et anathemitazandus fiat hic et in futuro ille qui protulerit. fol. 290 in dors.

+ Eadþeard, rex. + Asser Ep. + Beorhtmund, presb.
+ Beocca, presb. + Beornhæh presb. + Abbud, presb.
+ Þynsige, presb. + Þulfric, presb. + Tida, presbyter.
+ Buga, M. + Þulfere, M. + Luhha; + Eardulf; + Þulfsige; + Sibba; + Beornstan; + Ædelstan; Ælfsige; + Beorhtulf; + Þynsige; + Þulfstan; + Beorhtsige; + Eadstan; + Ælsige; + Leofheh; + Leofstan; + Þynsige — .

+ þis synt da land gemæro æt boclande ⁊ æt þelingtune. Ærest uppandune æt Achangran of Achangran adune on sandford land gemære þōn adune on ðа ealdan dic þan on oð Sandford þon ⁊lang þæ ealdan þeges oð cytelþylle of cytelþylle ⁊lang streames oð tau adune ⁊lang tan streames oþ bradanford þanon ⁊lang streames oð herpoðford, þanon ōn ðeodherpod oð þæstas dānon on land gemere oð stanford thanon upp onsiduc and lang landgemæres spauppon mærbroc oð byrnanhris ðanon on ðeodherpod spaest onachangran. + ðis synt þa land gemæro to lidgerd, Ærest on linlege of linlegge upp on strem to tostanforda of cottanforda uppon strēm to gosforda of gosford uppon strem to stanforda of stanforda on fasingafeld of fasingafelda on pyttapuldre, of pyttapuldre onæst of æste adimeonfled to reaðanclife to ruþanbeorge of ruþanbeorge to ludanpylle of ludanpylle to fricanfenne of fricanfenne uppon streme to gattibricge of gattibricge to þibbanþille uppon an slæd to holanþege of holanþege uppon slœd to bacganbeorge, of bacganbeorge to pynestane of ðam stane to ruþanbeorge of ðam beorge to cþichemhamme, of ðam-hamme to collelade of colislade adune on strem to horspaðesforda of ðam forda uppon strem to oxenagete of ðam gete to motlege of motlege on sideroces torre of sideroces torre to frecandorne of frecandorne on suoccanmere of suoccanmere on stangedelfe on hreoð alras of hreod alron on tideford of ðam forda adune on strem to cunecanforda, of cunecanforda on cincgesget of cincgesgete on suran apuldran of suran apuldran oð hit cymþ est on linlege.

Reginald de Legh, Treasurer of Wells, and John, Vicar of Mertok, to their parishioner Peter de ffaucumberg. Quoniam dilecta filiatio vestra

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has often sought for permission to build a chapel on the Manor of Midelton, because you are often hindered from attending at the mother church by the heavy floods, and the difficulties (discrimina) of the roads, we permit it quantum in nobis est. The rights of the mother church are reserved; the chaplain is to swear fealty; no parishioner is to be admitted to the sacramentalia except when they are prevented from attending at the Mother Church by the floods, or other sufficient cause. If the chaplain infringe the rights of the rector and the vicar they may suspend him, and place the chapel under interdict.

The Dean Thomas and the C. of Wells confirm this, quatenus in nobis est. April 23, A.D. 1287.

Bond of Galfrid de Brideport to pay out of his land at Kerchel 100*s.* a year to the D. & C. for the support of two priests to celebrate on behalf of the soul of the lady Agatha de Meysy.

fol. 291 in dors. Test: Henry de Bratton; John de Alra; Galfrid de Laurton; Alan de Wanton; Radulf de Godmanneston; William de Buttiller; Phillip de Button; Hugh de Cranemere; Richard Noreis; Richard Lundre, &c. A.D. 1250.

fol. 292. The agreement between Agatha de Meysey and Galfrid de Bridport. She had given him the Manor of Kerchel in Dorset on condition that he and his heirs pay the above-named 100*s.*

Test: Henry, Treasurer of Wells; Peter, Prior of the Hospital at Wells; Matthew de Burnham; Philip de Butthon; Richard de London; Adam de Kerchull; Radulf, pistor, &c. A.D. 1251.

Charter of William le Nywman of Luvinthon granting to the Cathedral and to the Church of Luvinthon a croft and one cow, to be held of the Church by Adam Cisor and his wife Constance, my daughter, and their heirs on the payment of 12*d.* for the support of the light at the high altar in the church, or of wax to that value.

Test: Richard, Venator; William Daniell; Philip Hospinell; William Busun; Alward de Luvinthon, &c.

Charter of the D. and C. about Dultingcote. cf. I. fol. 46.

fol. 292 in dors. The official of the Archdn: of Wells to the Dean of Ivelcestre and to the Vicar of Mertok. Sends a list of names of men who have been convicted of sacrilege, and who have incurred the punishment of threefold castigation around the market place of Montacute, and around the Church of Mertok, in the usual manner naked except their breeches, and desires them to summon the said persons to give satisfaction to Richard de Thormerton, the Treasurer, within 15 days, under pain of excommunication. Given at Wells, Dec. 6, A.D. 1349.

John Thornhull is condemned to pay the Treasurer 3*d.* Thomas Crowe 2 bushels of wheat and 2 of beans. Henry Takun 40*d.* Hugo Bon 18*d.*

fol. 293. Nicholas son of Nicholas, Treasurer of Wells and Rector of Mertok, leases some land at Esse to William Slavin de Cotes, for so long as he shall be Rector. A.D. 1273.

Richard de Clutton, Vicar of Wells, and custos of the Chapel in the Cloister submits a question about the division of the offerings between the Chapel and the Treasurer to the Bishop's decision. A.D. 1260.

fol. 293 in dors. A question about the tithes of Mertok submitted to the decision of Bp. Josceline by Andreas de Wynton, proctor for the Prior and Convent

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of Merton, provided that the Chapter of Bath do the same. A.D. 1242.

The Treasurer had appealed to the Bp. against his dispute with Richard de Clutton being heard by the D. and C., because they are parties interested. The Bp. therefore now calls upon the D. and C. to order the litigants to appear before him. Given at Dogmersfeld June 17. A.D. 1269.

Acknowledgment by John de Godelee the Dean of the receipt of 8 gold rings from Richard Bake the sub-treasurer, ad faciendum quoddam jocale ad usum ecclesie. A.D. 1307.

Confirmation by Thomas the Prior and the Convent of Glaston: of the grant of 10 marcs from the Church of Chiw made by Bp. Josceline to the Abbey of Bath. fol. 294.

Littera attornatoria of Walter Portifer of Northcory.

Walter de Hull, rector of Shepton Beauchamp and Commissary General of the Bp., to Henry de Insula Vicar of Congresbury. Certain persons named have not paid within the time allowed to them certain sums which they owe for spiritualities to the D. and C. They have no sufficient excuse. He is therefore to pronounce sentence of excommunication, and cause it to be pronounced against them in due form (described), whenever and whenever the D. and C. desire, until they give satisfaction. August 31. A.D. 1330.

A.D. 1243, in the month of July. In a chapter held at Axebrugg a question was raised about Congresbury Church. The sub-dean claimed it as appropriated to the communa and that it therefore is not now vacant, and that Peter Saracenus ought not to be instituted. fol. 294 in dors.

He appeals on behalf of the Chapter of Wells and states their case. On the other side arguments are propounded on behalf of the king's rights, who had presented Peter Saracenus. After two days discussion the Chapter determined to appeal to Rome. fol. 295.

The end of this document is wanting, but the paging goes on uninterruptedly.

The names of the Bishops in Somerset from the year A.D. DCCIIII. Printed in Anglia Sacra as "Canonicus Wellensis." fol. 296.

Confirmation by Pope Nicholas V. of the order made by Pope Boniface about the apportionment of the revenues, &c., of the Chapter. A.D. 1453. fol. 302.

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Consent of the D. and C. to a grant by William de Montagu, Earl of Sarum in his Manor of Burnham. fol. 303.

Mentions Thomas de Graundson, Knight, and his wife Margaret; Nicholas de Carven le Eyne, Nicholas his son, and William son of John de Carven, Knight. Anno regni Ric. II. 17°.

Licence of the Chapter to annex the overlands of the Deanery to the lands de antiquo astro.

It has not hitherto been allowed to lease the lands called "Overland als Demenelond" or to join them to the tenancies of the other lands for any longer term than for the life of the Dean. For the future these

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lands may be added to the other tenancies, and cannot be afterwards separated from those tenancies without the consent of the tenants.

fol. 303 in dors. The tenant may also buy the said overlands and join them to their former holdings. A.D. 1452.

Grant by the D. and C. of a croft, &c., in Wells to Canon Henry Abendon. A.D. 1431.

fol. 304. The D. and C. receive possession of Congresbury Church from R. Passelewe, custodian of the vacant bishopric, and grant it ad firmam to P. Sarracenus. A.D. 1243.

Appointment of proctors by William de Button, rector of Congresbury, to act for him in the same matter. April 10. A.D. 1252.

fol. 304 in dors. Confirmation by Thomas the Prior of Bath of a letter of Bp. William. A.D. 1249.

Conf: by the same of a charter of Bp. Roger given at Staweiya in Chiw parish. Aug. 13. A.D. 1246.
Confirmation is dated Aug. 19. A.D. 1246.

Bond to the Dean given by 10 of the tenants of Congresbury for 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the value of the tithe corn of the whole parish now in the rectory barn; to be paid by regular instalments. Dec. 7. Anno regni Edwardi III. 3°.

fol. 305. An Indenture made between Canon John de Hiwysh, Firmarius, of the Canon's Grange, and John son and heir of John de Wike of Milton by Wells. About certain returns of corn from Milton Milit:, Eston and Milton Denebond. A.D. 1353.

fol. 305 in dors. Appointment by the Abbey of Bath of John their Prior, and W. Budde their brother to be their proctors in all causes, &c. A.D. 1493.

fol. 306. Foundation of the Chantry of John Storthwaite the Chancellor, at the Altar of Holy Cross in the Cathedral.
A pension of 10*l.* to support it is charged upon Wroxhale Church of which Theobold Gorges, Knight, is patron, and Thomas Haynes is rector. The said Theobald and Thomas, the late Canon John Roland, his parents, J. Storthwaite himself, and his parents, are the persons prayed for.
Four folios are filled with the details of the arrangements and provisions about the appointment of chaplains. November 14. A.D. 1451.

fol. 309 in dors. Confirmation of the last by Thomas Bp. of B. and W. Nov. 18. A.D. 1451.

Similar conf: by N. Carent the Dean. Oct. 4. A.D. 1452.

fol. 310. Inspex: and conf: by Archbp. Simon, after visitation, of the letters of Archbp. John dated at Mortlake Oct. 17. A.D. 1281. A.D. 1331.

fol. 310 in dors. Letter of John Abbot of Muchelney.
The Abbey establishes a chantry on behalf of their benefactor the late Bp. Nicholas Bubbewith (who had come to their aid when they were much burdened with debt, and had also given them certain vestments), at the Altar of All Saints on the North side of their choir.

fol. 312. Full details are given. A copy of this document is to be hung up in a conspicuous place in front of the said altar. A.D. 1433.

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The following 24 folios have apparently been injured by water, have been cut out and carefully replaced. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

Execution of a Bull of Pope John XXIII. (obliterated), by John Cossam, Prior of Bruton, together with the Abbot of S. Augustine's Bristol; and the Dean of Salisbury. The Bull is recited. The D. and C. of Wells have appealed for aid against certain persons who have infringed their rights, and the above-named are ordered to examine into the matter and support them. Given at Bononia. Anno Pontif. 1°.

The said commission called upon all offenders [no names or any particular description of the offences are given] to make restitution under pain of Ecclesiastical censures and upon all Ecclesiastical persons in the province of Canterbury to publish this. Given by the Prior at his camera at North Bruham, near Bruton, Oct. 20. A.D. 1411. In the presence of William Bargh and Thomas Blaneford, domicelli litterati of Wells and of Sarum diocese, and Thomas Sergeaunt, specially summoned for the purpose.

A document of 4½ folios.

The attestation of William Brett, public notary.

Confirmation by John Bp. of Sarum of the appropriation of Buckland Abbots, of which the advowson had been given to the D. and C. of Wells by the late Bp. N. Bubbewith for the establishment of a chantry and for the promotion of divine service in the Cathedral at Wells, &c. Given by the Bp. of B. and W. at Woky, Oct. 16, anno regni, Hen. VI. 3°. Test: William Palton, Thomas Beauchamp, Thomas Stowell, Knights; John Warre, Thomas Arthur Philip Hampton, John Palton, &c. fol. 316 in dors.

Confirmed at Remmysbury, Feb. 29. A.D. 1424.

Attested by John de Okeborne public notary.

Conf: by the D. and C. of Sarum. fol. 319 in dors.

Charter of Canon William de Welyngton granting to the D. and C. of Wells a rent upon houses in Wells of 10*s*.

Release to the D. and C. by Idoigne, wife of Sir Hugh de Beauchamp, lady of Lilledone of a tenement, &c., at Lillesdone. Anno regni E. III. 20°. fol. 320.

In recognition of the benefits received under the Will of Henry, Bp. of Winton, by the hands of the Exors., John Archbp. of York, &c., and Edmund, dux So. . . . et Marchio Dorset, the D. and C. of Wells make the said Henry a participator in the benefits of all prayers, &c., &c., offered in the Cathedral, and appoint April 11th to be observed as his obit.

The late Bp. had divided many valuables among many religious houses. The portion which was left to Wells consisted of, unam imaginem argenteam deauratam Resurrectionis dominice stantem super viride terragium amilasatum habentem birillum in pectore pro corpore dominico imponendo ponderis troiani octuaginta et quindecim unciarum. Item duas pelves argenteas deauratas operis chaceati de foliis columbinarum ponderis troiani centum octuaginta octo unciarum. And 148*l*. in money. None of the other legacies are described here.—April 24. A.D. 1448. fol. 321.

Indenture made at Chewton subtus Menedepe on March 7, anno regni H. V. 3°, between John the Prior of the Conventual House of Jesus Christ at Bedlem de Shene, and the D. and C. of Wells. The

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former have sold to the latter the firm of the Rectory of Chewton, saving only the advowson of the vicarage, for 10 years, at an annual payment of 45*l.*, beginning from Christmas A.D. 1416.

The details fill two folios.

fol. 322 in dors. Charter of Bp. John granting to William Baronne, Armiger, his Manor of Bysshoppes Compton in Berks with the Hundred annexed to it, for the term of his life on an annual payment of 8 marcs, &c. Anno regni H. VI. 5°.

fol. 323. Confirmation of last by John Forest the D. and the C. of Wells.

Confirmation of same by William Southbroke, Prior of the Cathedral Church of Bath, and the Chapter.—A.D. 1427.

fol. 323 in dors. Order made by Bp. John about the Vicarage of Yevel. The Bps. William and Ralph had in former days made certain arrangements about the Parish Church que tunc per Rectores viros seculares successive regi consueverat. Questions have arisen since then between the House at Syon to which the Church is appropriated and the Vicars about the revenues. Richard Stone is now Vicar. The two parties have come to an agreement. The Rectors take the tithes of corn, &c., &c., the mortuaria principalia of all parishioners. The Vicar takes all the altaragium of the Church of Yevel and of the Chapel of Preston Plucknett, and the tithe of all hemp grown in fields or gardens, and of flax grown outside gardens, and also the mortuaria in secundis legatis of those who die in the tenements or burgages, but not the mortuaria of the tenants of the Rector who are not burgesses. The Chapels of Berwyke, Stoford, and the lands of the Abbey of Bermondsey in Preston and Stone are excepted. The Vicar has also two houses in Quedam Street, &c.

fol. 324 in dors. Given in London. Feb. 12. A.D. 1438.

John le Merkaunt, the owner of houses upon which a pension had been charged by Canon William de Pulton for the support of an obit before the statute of Mortmain was enacted, undertakes to pay it. Anno regni E. III. 14°.

fol. 325. A similar deed.

fol. 325 in dors. Johanna North, Abbess of Syon agrees with John Forest the Dean and the Chapter of Wells, to pay to them 20*s.* a year in consideration of their loss of the two thirds of the vacant benefice of Yevel, by its appropriation. Jan. 4. A.D. 1427.

fol. 326 in dors. Indenture made at Wells, Oct. 2, A.D. 1474, by which the D. and C. grant for their lives to John Sydenham, junior, of Wyveliscombe, "gentleman," to Elena his wife and their son Thomas, the Manor of Okehampton, in the parish of Wyveliscombe, which had been held for life by Thomas Brown of Yatton, at a yearly rent of 100*s.*

Details fill a page.

fol. 327 in dors. Grant by Nicholas Carent the Dean of the reversion of a tenement and lands in Wedmore to several persons named. March 20, A.D. 1458.

Confirmation of the last by John Spekynton, president, and the chapter. Sept. 19, A.D. 1458.

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Decree of Thomas Bp. of B. and W. about the pension of 10*l.*, payable by Wroxhale Church to the Chantry of John Storthwaite. Given in the Chapel at the Palace at Wells. Sept. 16, A.D. 1450. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

Attestation by William North, and by John Mathon, public notaries. fol. 328.

A document of three folios. fol. 330 in dors.

Grant by Bp. John to the D. and C. of the gate leading into a close belonging to them on the south side of the Choir, commonly called la Camory, and which had been newly built; with other gates, and rights of way by Kuerbrigge and Torrehill, for the carriage of materials for the repairs or building of the Church, or for any other purpose. fol. 331.

The D. and C. to keep the road, wall, and pavement of the Market in repair. A.D. 1433.

Grant by Nicholas Bp. of B. and W. to the D. and C. of the advowson of Bokelond Abbots, which belongs to the bishoprick. King Henry VI. "Metuendissimus dominus," had given his licence. Given at Woky, Oct. 16, A.D. 1428. fol. 331 in dors.

William the Prior of the Cathedral Church of Bath and the Convent undertake to keep the obit of John Trethek, Armiger, and of Johanna his late wife, under a penalty of 100*s.*, to be paid to the Chapter of Wells for any omission. Sept. 23, A.D. 1445. fol. 332.

Indenture between Thomas Bp. of B. and W., and Nicholas Carent the Dean and the Chapter. The latter bind themselves under a penalty of 40*l.*, to carry out the wishes of the Bp. about the chantry founded by him near the High Altar. Jan. 10, anno regni H. VI., 37°. fol. 332 in dors.

Confirmation to Bp. Reginald by Pope Alexander III. of the fee of Dyndra which had been wrongfully taken from the Bp.'s predecessor by William son of John, but had been restored by his son William. fol. 333.

Given at Anagni. April 28.

Bp. Reginald about the Church of Harptre, cf. I. fol. 60. fol. 333 in dors.

Indenture made by John the Prior and the Convent or the Chapter of Bath, by which they bind themselves to celebrate two masses daily on behalf of Bp. Nicholas Bubbewith, in the Chapel newly constructed and built by him at his own expence in the nave of the Church on the south side, at the altar dedicated to SS. John the Bapt:, George, Fabian, and Sebastian, built and dedicated by the same Bp.

The Bp. had given to the Priory 320 marcs for the expence of rebuilding certain houses in the Priory worth 7*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* a year; and also vestments worth 200*l.* viz., una casula et duas tuniculas cum toto apparatu ad easdem de velvet crymesyn rub' aur' cum aurifrysis contextis et p'nderatis cum margaritis sive peruls, tres capas de panno aur' rub' unius secte, quarum due habent aurifrisas contextas cum duodecim apostolis, et les morses sunt context' et towchat' cum perulis ad modum rósarum, ac tercia habet aurifrisam context' cum ymaginibus de duplici historia, necnon alia ornamenta et bona quamplurima.

The first daily mass is to be said at the 7th hour in both summer and winter and "Erit secundum devotionem celebrantis," but the other die magis lucescente, viz. between the 10th and the 11th hour, and shall be "de S. Maria." fol. 334.

During the lifetime of the Bp. the priest "postquam fuerit albis indutus et antequam dicat Confiteor, dicet in vulgari publice in audiencia "ffor bisshopp Nychol and for his fader and moder saulis and al his goode doerys sawlys, and al the goode doers sawlys of this chirche,"

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After the death of the Bp., the priest shall say "ffor bisshopp Nychol saule, &c." as before. Oct. 16, A.D. 1424.
The details fill two folios.

fol. 335 in dors. John Cole, seneschal is authorised by the D. and C. to receive for them possession of the Manor of Bikenalre from John Juyn (or Ivyn). Jan. 1, anno regni H. VI. 8.

Consent of Thomas Bp. of Sarum to the appropriation by the D. and C. of Wells of Bokelond Church. May 18, A.D. 1489.

fol. 336. Charter of Richard le Touker granting a rent of 5*s.* to the D. and C. to be distributed among the poor.

Release granted to the D. and C. by John Beauchamp, knight, lord of Lillesdon, for all services due from the lands and men of Hele.

fol. 336 in dors. Test: John de Clyvedon, Edmund de Clyvedon, Richard de Acton, Walter de Rodeneye, knights; Matthew de Clyvedon, Hugh Cance, Henry Hacche, &c. Given at Wells on Saturday next after S. Catherine's Day. 36 E. III.

The Church of Milverton is annexed to the Archdeaconry of Tanton by Bp. J. with the consent of the Chapter of Wells.
Given at Woky, April 3. A.D. 1241.

Conf: of the last by Thomas the Prior of Bath, &c.

fol. 337. Charter of Canon Richard Harewell granting to the D. and C. a messuage, &c., in New Strete. 3 H. IV.

Littera attornatoria de eodem.

Commissioners appointed by Bp. Nicholas to deliver to the D. and C. possession of the Church of Bokelond.
Given at Woky. Oct. 16. 3 H. VI.

fol. 337 in dors. Littera attornatoria of the D. and C. de eodem.

Admission by John Bp. of Sarum of John Axebrege rector of Bokelond on the presentation of the D. and C. of Wells. Given at Remmesbury, Dec. 22. A.D. 1424.

fol. 338. Charter of Josceline de Tresvirnet to Bp. Ralph. cf. I. fol. 47.
Test: Walter, Prior of Berliz: Richard Const: Archdn:; Roger his brother; Josceline, chaplain; Gilbert de Berceville; William de Cicestre; Helias de Wattel; Presbyters; Hugh de Monteacuto; Henry de Tracy.

Confirmation of the Charter of Josceline de Tresminettes, given in his presence, by John Bp. of Exon.

Admission by H. Bp. of Exon, of John de Thinemung, to Aulescumb Church, S. Bp. of Bath and Glaston in partibus transmarinis agente.
Given at ffierendon. Feb. 22, anno Pontif, 6°.

fol. 338 in dors. Bp. Savaric about Warminster. cf. I. fol. 47.

Inspex: by Roger Bp. of B. and W. of a bond deposited by Robert de Evesham, Rector of Cristemeleford, by which he undertakes to pay 25 marcs a year to Ilditius, perpetual Vicar of the said Church, Oct. 3, A.D. 1245. Given at Chyu, Oct. 4, anno Pontif 2°.

fol. 339 in dors. Carissimo domino et patri suo R. d g. Bath, Epo. Rogerus With parochianus suus. Has granted to S. Peter's Bath, and to the monks

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there, the Church of Stocke, with the consent of his heir Giffard, and of his wife Juliette.

Charter of Hugh Bp. of Lincoln, granting to his brother Josceline, Bp.of Bath and Glaston :, the fee of half a knight in Rugeberg and Dreicot, which Maurice de Benington and Gaufrid Maureward had held. Given at Stowa, by William de Thornaco, Archdn: of Stowa, July 11, anno Pontif 5°.

Inspex : of the Charter of King John, as on fol. 17. fol. 340.

Charter of King Henry granting to Bp. Josceline, and his successors that they and their Exors. shall have undisturbed possession of all their bona mobilia et omnes fructus tam de bladis . . . quam vinearum, &c., from the day of their death until the following Michaelmas. fol. 340 in dors.
Given at Oxford, July 15, anno regni 15°.

Charter of King William as in I. fol. 14, but there is added here the confirmation of it by the King, at Dover, A.D. 1090, anno regni 4°, Indic. 13, vi. kal. Feb., Luna iii., in the presence of Thomas, Archbp. of York. Printed in the Monasticon. The original is in the Cathedral Library. fol. 341.

Charter of Maurice de Gaunt granting to Bp. Josceline all his rights in Axebrigg for 100 marcs.

Charter of Hugh, Bp. of Lincoln granting to his brother Josceline the vill of Axebrigg. fol. 342.
Test: Roger de Lack ; Amauricus de Buggeden, William de Winchcumb, canons of Lincoln; Roger, chaplain; Adam de Clevesend; Gilbert de Tanton; Robert de Mont Sorell; canons of Wells. Stephen Chamberlain; Thomas de Hauteville; William de Stoke; Philip de Wik; Peter de Cotingtun; Walter de Abbodestun; John Camerar; Roger de Waleis. Given per manus Radulf de Waravill, canon of Lincoln, at Tinghurst. Nov. 7, anno Pontif. 18°.

Charter of Robert de Gurnay, granting to Bp. Josceline 6 acres of land in Chiw.

Charter of Stephen the Prior of Taunton, as in I. fol. 56. fol. 342 in dors.

Inspex : of the Charter of King John, as on fol. 17.

Charter of Hugh, Bp. of Lincoln, granting the advowson of Axebrig Church to his brother Joseline. Given at Stowa, July 12, anno Pontif. 5°. fol. 343.

Charter of Galfrid Chemmpneys, lord of Wylmyngdon, grantiug to Bp. Robert who had obtained from king Edward a warren in his Manor, permission to use it. Test: John de S. Laudo; Adam de Button; Hubert Husee, knights; Robert de Wulton; Roger de Sthokwyk; Thomas de Cumb: Gilbert Cissor of Bath, &c.
Given at Bath, March 22. A.D. 1280.

Charter of King Richard about lead mines. cf. I. fol. 15.

Archbp. Robert de patronatu Glaston. cf. I. fol. 129. fol. 343 in dors.

Charter of King Edward about a market at Lydeard. cf. I. fol. 116. fol. 344 in dors.

Charter of King Edward de restitutione, as on fol. 3. fol. 345.

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fol. 345 in dors. Licence of King Edward to Radulf Bp. of B. and W., to convey to the Convent of Bath "placeam palatii sui in Bathon, vulgariter nuncupatam Bisschopesbour." Teste me ipso at York, July 4. Anno regni 8°.

fol. 346 in dors. Decision of Josceline Bp. of Bath, to whose judgment Robert Abbot of Glaston: and his house, and Martin de Summa, had submitted their differences.

The Abbey is to pay over the tithes, &c., of Bodeclya, and of Domerham, and also for arrears &c., 100*l.* in 5 years, at 20*l.* a year in satisfaction all claims.

The decision is accepted.

Given in the Chapter at Glaston, on the morrow of S. Benedict. Anno Pontif. 27°.

fol. 347 in dors. Charter of Hugh Bp. of Lincoln, granting that all the fees, lands, &c. held by his brother Josceline in the Hundreds of Winterstoke and Ceddre be free de sectis hundredorum. Test: Galfrid fil: Baldwin, seneschall; Hugh de Wilton; William de Keynesham; Peter de Wilton; Peter de Bath; Stephen de Baddebury, &c. Given at Stowa by the hand of W. de Thornaco, Archdn. of Stowa, July 12. Anno Pontif. 5°.

Charter of Hugh, capellanus, Minister pauperum domus hospitalis. S. Bartholomæi, London, granting to Bp. Josceline the Advowson of the Church of S. George de Heanton.

Thomas Davenant has received from Bp. Josceline Bishopeswode in Lydiard, with feed for pigs and fualliam ad ignem.

fol. 348. The Charter of King Henry, as on fol. 340.

fol. 348 in dors. Charter of the Hospital of S. Bartholomew granting to Bp. Josceline a rent of 10*s.*, which he used to pay on a tenement in S. Clements de Denissemanschirche on the south side of the Church towards the Thames. Test: Andreas Bukerel, Mayor of London; Richard Reng; Roger le duc; Teric de Colon; Stephen de la Strande; Ricard fil Edwardi, &c.

fol. 349. Charter of Hugh Bp. of London, as on fol. 339 in dors.

The D. and C. will release Hugh Cancy of North Cory from his bond for 100*l.* if he pays their expenses in a suit against him for trespass in the warren. April 18. Anno regni E. III. 40°.

fol. 349 in dors. Bp. Hugh about the Church of Axebrigg. cf. fol. 343.

Charter of John de Abbedeston granting to Bp. Josceline a wood at Puklescherche. Oct. 3. Anno Pontif. 25°.

fol. 350. Charter of Hugh Bp. of Lincoln granting to his brother Josceline, Bp. of Bath and Glaston:, the half knight's fee in Norton, which Stephen de Altaville had held, and Reginald his son holds of the said Bp.

Given at Stowa July 12. Anno Pontif. 5°.

Quit claim by James de Molendinis to Josceline, Bp. of B. and W. of a messuage, &c. at Kingsbury Episcopi. Anno regni, E. II. 18°.

fol. 350 in dors. Grant by Robert the Prior of Bath and his house to Bp. Josceline of the Advowson of Stoke Giffard. March 18. A.D. 1214.

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Charter of Bp. Hugh de villa de Axebrigg. cf. fol. 342.

Charter of Walter de Scremeby granting to Bp. William land, &c. in Wells. fol. 351.

P. the Prior of the Hospital of S. John at Wells has built a mill at Hilemore, and binds himself not to interfere with the rights of the Bp.'s Mills.

Charter of Maurice de Gaunt, as on fol. 341. fol. 351 in dors.

Letter of Robert Archbp: Cant: concerning the dispute between the Bp. of B. and W. and the Abbey of Glaston, about the patronage of the Abbey, and condemnation of the proceedings of the monks in having proceeded to the election of Abbot John de Tanton without licence from the Bp.
Given at Otteford, Aug. 31. A.D. 1274.

Charter of R. Gurnay, as on fol. 342. fol. 353.

Galfrid de Stanewell acknowledges that he holds of Walter Bp. of B. and W. the lands in Evercric, Stratton, and Prestelegh, which he held under Matthew de Stratton, Archdn: of Buckingham. Test: Radulf Sansaver; Elyas de la Mare; Elyas Cotel, knights; John le hus; Henry de Nunney; Peter de la Mare; Hugh Wytang de Cranemere, &c.

Confirmation by Thomas the Prior of Glaston: and his house, of the proceedings about Stoke Giffard, Dokemersfeld and Chiw. cf. fols. 350-357, and I. fol. 46.

Exchange made by Walter de Dunheved and Walter de Wyke with Bp. Josceline of 5 acres in the park for other properties in Wells. fol. 353 in dors.

Charter of Richard, fil: Walt: de Hentun granting to Bp. Josceline certain pieces of land near Wells.

Inspex: by Bp. William, the Chapter of Bath, and that of Wells, of an agreement come to about tithes by Robert the Rector of Cristemeleford, and the Prior and house of Bradenestoke, on June 6, A.D. 1236, before the Abbot of Evesham Chancellor and the Dean of Oxford, commissioners appointed by the Pope. A.D. 1252. fol. 354.

Charter of William son of John de Harptre granting to Bp. Josceline the Church of West Harptre. fol. 355.

Appointment by Ilditius, Vicar of Cristemeleford, of a proctor to receive his 25 marcs. fol. 355 in dors.
Dat. Mediolan. Nov. 6. A.D. 1246.

Charter of Robert de Barnevill granting to the Hospital of S. Bartholomew, Smithfield, in the suburbs of London, the Church of Jorihampton. Test: Richarde de Valle Badonis; Richard de Ware; Richard de Vadis; Helias de Eswelle; Galfrid fil Eutachii; Bartholomew de S. Bartholomew; William de Hely, &c.

Charter of Thomas Walensis granting to Maurice de Gaunt the vill of Axebrugg, on the same terms as Hugh de Wells, Archdn: of Wells formerly granted it; for this Maurice has paid 100 marcs, and pays half a marc a year for all services. fol. 356.

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Bond of Hugh, son of Hugh Attehele of Northcory, to the D. and C. for 100*l.* Anno regni E. 8°.

fol. 356 in dors. J. dictus Cartusian, Prior et qui cum eo totius ordinis priores et fratres pro communi capitulo congregati, to J. Bp. of Bath. Are very grateful for his kindness to the brethren at Wittham and to all the Order. They pray that he may have all the benefits of one of their Order, and they promise to give him the privileges of a brother when he dies.

Charter of William ffains Artur granting to Bp. Josceline the Advowson of Weston Church.

Test: Thomas de Cirencestr, Sheriff of Somerset and Dorset; John de Peanton; Henry de Campo florido; William, seneschal of the Bp.; Baldwyn de Wayford; Thomas de alta villa; William de Bonville, &c.

Charter of Hugh de Welles, Archdn: of Wells [nunc. Linc. Eps.] granting to his brother Josceline the Bp., that his Manors of Banwell and Cumpton be free de secta hundredi de Winterstoke.

fol. 357. Letter of the Abbey of Glaston, as on fol. 13.

Charter of Alice Roges to Bp. Reginald. cf. II., fol. 59.

fol. 357 in dors. Charter of Julitta, widow of Roger Hwiteng, granting to S. Peter's, Bath, the Church of S. Bernard de Stokes, and also the tithe of the hay of the parish.

Test: Henry de Monte forti; Robert de S. Laudo; Ernald the parson; Robert; Robert Hwiteng; Germanus, chaplain; Angod, chaplain; Albert de Eston; Roger de Monte forti; Alexander de Monte forti; Swife de Stokes; Rd. Band, &c.

Renunciation by the Prior, &c. of Bath in favour of Bp. Josceline of all claim to the Church of Chiw. A.D. 1214.

fol. 358. Charter about Hywish. cf. I. fol. 139, and infra. 365. A.D. 1317.

Charter about South Brent Church. cf. I. fol. 41.

Report of Walter de Hull, the Bp.'s official, of an inquisition held by an order given by Bp. John at Banwell, Dec. 5, A.D. 1328, into the state of Berghes Vicarage, to which Archdn: Robert de Wamberg has presented John de Hampton Meysi. The inquisition is held in the Church at Axebrigg before nine of the neighbouring rectors and vicars, and it finds that the tithe of wool, cheese, milk, lambs, calves, foals, apples, eggs, fisheries, geese, houses, hay, and mills; and the oblations at the altar, are worth 15 marcs a year; but the tithe of the sheaves is worth 25 marcs.

fol. 359. Adam, Abbot of Glaston: and the Convent. Exchange one acre of glebe, and the Advowson of Berghes, for certain tenements, &c. at Middleton Abbots near Yevelchestre, with Archdn: R. de Wambergh.

fol. 359 in dors. Given at Berghes on Friday of the Feast of the Nat. S. John Bapt. 2 E. III.

fol. 360. The Abbot of Glaston: delivers certain Charters to the Archdn. connected with this exchange.

Grant by Bp. Richard, after consultation with the Chapters of B. and W., that all who are collated by him to any dignity in the Cathedral

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shall receive instalment at the hands of the Dean, the Sub-dean, or the president of the Chapter, having previously taken the oaths in the Chapter House, &c., &c. Inconveniences and irregularities had arisen from the installations having come into the hands of persons appointed by the Bp.; and from neglect of the said oath to observe the statutes, &c. because those who received installation in this manner did not feel bound to attend to Cathedral duties.
Given at Warwick, May 17, A.D. 1493, anno transl. 1°.

Confirmation of the last by John Cauntlowe, Prior of Bath, &c.
Conf: by John Gunthorpe, the Dean of Wells, &c. fol. 361 in dors.

Licence granted by King Edward for the exchange between the Abbot of Glaston: and the Archdn: as above.
Given at Sempyngham, April 5. Anno regni 2°. fol. 362.

Gilbert Cawete's land. cf. I. fol. 20.

Order made by Bp. John about Berghes Vicarage. The Vicar's allowance is increased to 10*l.*, and the Archdn: is to bear a pro rata share of all burdens.
Given in London, Feb. 15, A.D. 1328.

Indenture made by the Archdn: about the exchange with the Abbey of Glaston: of Berghes, and Middleton. fol. 363.

Appointment by the Abbot of a proctor to give possession to the Archdn: of the land, &c. A.D. 1328. fol. 363 in dors.

Inspex: by Thomas, the Prior of Bath, of the order made by Bp. Josceline, by which he converted the bequest of land at Merlegh made by Peter the Dean into an annual payment of 60*s.* to be made to the Cathedral by the Archdn: of Wells.
The money is to be divided at 1*d.* a day to the vicars who take part in the services of the dead, &c. at the altar of S. Calixtus, &c., &c.

Report by the Archdn: of Wells, the Bp.'s official to the Bp., about Berghes. A.D. 1328. fol 364 in dors.

Land at Hywish, as on fol. 358. fol. 365.

The Abbot of Glaston: grants the crop growing on the one acre at Berghes to the Archdn. fol. 365 in dors.

The Abbot of Athelney's Charter. cf. I. fol. 40.

Agreement made between the Abbey of Glaston: and the Archdn: as to matters in dispute about Middelton and Berghes.

Charter about South Brent. cf. I. fol. 41. fol. 366.

The Confirmation of Archbp. T. as in I. fol. 26. fol. 366 in dors.

Resignation of the Church of Bergh by John de Worthe the Rector. Aug. 10, A.D. 1328.

The Archdn: of Wells is to have a share in the residue at the end of the year. No name is given. fol. 367.
Given at ffynnemere, A.D. 1290.

Similar order by Bp. R. Given at ffynnemere, August 10, A.D. 1290.

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fol. 367 in dors. John de Wamberg having been summoned to a chapter to take council about the injuries inflicted by rapacious laymen on the Church, excuses himself on the ground that the citation mentions neither place, nor day, nor year. At Wanton. June 3.

A.D. 1242. With the consent of Robert, Rector of Comptone, John Bretasche, senior, erected a chapel at his house at Trubbewell.

Among the conditions it is stipulated that the lord and lady with their family shall three times a year, at the principal feasts, attend the Church of Emmpnete which is a Chapel of Comptone.

fol. 368. Charter about West Harptre. cf. fol. 269.

Confirmation by S. Archbp. Cant: of the Charter of William Briwer granting to Bp. Josceline the Advowson of the Church of Milverton, fol. 368 in dors. made in the King's presence and attested by Stephen, Archbp. of Cant.: P. of Winton; H. of Lincoln; W. of Exon; and G. of Ely; Bishops, &c. Confirmed A.D. 1226, in May.

Alan de Kyngeston, lord of half the manor of Cudeworth, quit claims to the D. and C. his claim in quadam communa trium denariorum quam percipere solebam in dicta ecclesia singulis diebus adventus mei ad civitatem Wellen. Nov. 8. 24 E. III.

Charter of Simon Brito. cf. I. fol. 40.

fol. 369. Conf: by Bp. Reginald of the grant of Eiston Church made by William Deffuble.

Bp. Savaric about the prebend of Sutton. cf. I. fol. 49.

fol. 369 in dors. Conf: by Robert, son of Hamo, of the grant of Scaldeford Church. cf. I. fol. 48.

Alan de Kyngeston's quit claim as on fol. 368 in dors.

fol. 370. Indenture by Canon Richard Harewell, granted to John Veysy, of Shirborn, and Edith his wife a messuage and mill in Shirborn, and land in his prebend of Lutton. 48 E. III.

fol. 370 in dors. Agreement between Thomas, Archdn: of Wells, and Stephen de Tornaco, prebendary of Whitchirch juxta Benanger, and Roger de Palton, about a watercourse at Witchurch. Thomas and Stephen de Tornaco are brothers.

Charter of George Desfeble granting to Bp. Josceline the Church of Eston. Test: Jordan, son of Oliver, Sheriff of Somerset and Dorset; William de Morevill; Matthew de Clivedone; Richard son of Arthur; Reginald de Alta Villa, &c.

fol. 371. Conf: by the Bp. of London of the grant of Scaldeford Church. cf. I. fol. 47.

Bp. Josceline, about Wivelescumb. cf. I. fol. 59.

fol 371 in dors. Bp. Savaric, about the same. cf. I. fol. 59.

Charter of Oliver de Dinan about tithes. cf. I. fol. 60.

Conf. of Bp. Reginald of White Lackington Church. cf. I. fol. 39.

fol. 372. Charter of J. de Mont Sorell. cf. I. fol. 39.

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Bp. Reginald, about S. Decumans. cf. I. fol. 38.

Bp. John of Exon, about Bovi Church. cf. I. fol. 38.

Charter of Benedict, Abbot of Athelney, granting to Bp. Josceline the Advowson of Sutton Church. fol. 372 in dors.
Test: Richard, Abbot of Muchelney, &c.

Charter of Eustace de Camville. cf. I. fol. 21. fol. 373.

Order made by Bp. John about the Vicarage of St. Decuman's, of which Robert is Vicar, giving many names of places and people there, among them Ralph fil Ursi as the owner of a mill at Williton and another at Watchet.
Given at Wivelescumb. March 19. A.D. 1320. fol. 374.

Charter of Alex. de Redolio. cf. I. fol. 45. fol. 374 in dors.

Renunciation by Henry fil Pagani de Panebruge of all his claim in Winesham, Wrmestore, Modelege, in a virgate at Bidesham, in Merke, and in the service of Ramer de Wandestreu, in the presence of Robert, quondam, Bp. Bathon: et Roger, Bp. of Wigorn, together with his father Pagan, his relatives Roger Witeng and his brothers William, Robert, and Gilbert de Almari, Osbert de Bathon, and Ralph Denebol and his brother Robert.
Test: Eustace fil Stephen; Savaric de Vaus; Baldwik fil Gerold; Godefrid de Dirne; Philip de Wyke; Henry de Selis; Adam de Lamber; Walchelin de Maresco; Raher de Alra, &c.

Charter of Alan de Kyngeston. cf. fol. 368–369.

Charter of William Lungespeye, granting for himself and his heir Henry de Bratton, to the D. & C. of Wells, a walled park ad caniculos vel ad bestias alias at Witchirche. fol. 375.

Charter of Robert de Renni. cf. I. fol. 23.
Test: Cradoc de S. Julitta; Simon de Bonevill; William de Mirl; Nicholas de Holecumb; William fil Hugh; Richard Penna. Apud Castell de Sta Julitta.

Charter of Thomas Walensis granting to Bp. Josceline the vil of Axebrig. fol. 375 in dors.

Judgment given against Thomas atte flenne, Vicar of Pokelchurche, in a suit with the D. & C. of Wells, by a Commission appointed by Pope Boniface to try the case. A.D. 1400.
The details fill 3½ folios.

A suit brought by William Colvyle, rector of the prebendal church of Barton, against William Bruer, rector of Kyngton Maundevyle, for the payment of an annual pension of 8*d*. is decided in his favour by Thomas Spert, D.L. the Bp's. Official, in Concilio Episcopali Wellense. fol. 379 in dors.
The proceedings fill two folios.

Agreement come to by William, Abbot of Bec, and Savaric, Bp. of Bath and Glaston: about the Church of Clive, claimed by the latter as a prebend of Wells. It is to be held by the Abbot as a prebend, but he is not to be bound to residence. fol. 381 in dors.

Conf: by Bp. Reginald of the grant of the Church of Clive to the Cathedral, by W. de Roumara, Earl of Lincoln. fol. 382.

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Charter of Leticia de Sarum. cf. I. fol. 20.

fol. 382 in dors. Charter of William Briwer, granting to Bp. Josceline the Advowson of Milverton church.

Charter of Cecilia de Timbrescum. cf. I. fol. 40.

fol. 383. Charter of Margery daughter of Robert le Merchande granting to John son of Philip de Insula, houses in Doddelye, &c.

Confirmation by L. the Dean and the Chapter of a lease for life, of a half virgate of land made by Iterius prebendary of Wandestreu to his nephew Ernulf.

fol. 383 in dors. Final concord made between Canon Henry de Pontibus, and Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, and Margaret his wife about the Advowson of the Chapel of Whyttecherche. The canon is to have it as attached to the prebend of Hengestridge on condition that a mass is celebrated every year at the Assumption for the souls of the Earl and Countess. 22 E. 1.

Alexander the prebendary of Hengestrigg gives to the fabric of the Cathedral in lieu of the sum which he is bound to pay on the prebend, all the arable land in the demesne, and half the meadow land of the prebend, ut fabrica celerius ad optatam consummationem mea sedulitate consurgat. R. is the Dean.

fol. 384. Charter of Oliver de Tracy. cf. I. fol. 37.

Inspex: by William, Bp. of London, of confirmations by his predecessor of the Charter of Hamo about Scandeford. A.D. 1207.

John Odeline, prebendary of Yatton will submit to whatever decision the D. and C. may come to about the wood which he has rooted up. A.D. 1255.

Edward the Dean and the C. Formal declaration by them callationem aque benedicte ecclesie de Ceddre ad cancellarium Wellen de jure spectare, perpetuum silentium imponens Rogero vicario ecclesie super collatione ejusdem aque. A.D. 1258.

Charter of Richard, Abbot of Michelney, (cf. I. fol. 42). Granting the Church of Heminstre to the Church of Wells.

Given at Wells in the presence of Bp. Savaric, Dean Alexander, William de S. Fide, precentor, on the morrow of S. Andrew. A.D. 1201.

fol. 385. Inspex: of Hugh Abbot of S. Augustine's, Bristol, of the letter of Bp. W. of London about Scaldeford. Test: Ralph de Diceto, Archdn: Middlesex; Richard, Archdn: of Colchester, Robert, Archdn: of Essex; Ralph de Altabrey, Master of the Schools, London, &c. Given at Bristol March 5. A.D. 1284.

Charter of Ralph fil: Bernard. cf. I. fol. 20.

fol. 385 in dors. Charter of Alan de ffornellis. cf. I. fol. 38.

Charter of Hugh de Wells, granting to Bp. Josceline certain houses in Wells. Test: Hugh, Bp. Lincoln; Ralph de Lechlade, the Dean, &c.

Mem. Agreement made between the Chapter and Thomas de Bedeford, A.D. 1249. The Chapter defer their suit against him about

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the deprivation and institution of a Vicar at Yatton, in the hope of coming to an agreement, until the morrow of S. Hilary, when the parties are to appear at Sarum. At the instance of the Chapter the sentence of excommunication sent out by the Archbp. to the Bp. of B. and W. is also deferred to the same date.

Confirmation by Bp. Reginald of the Charter of Oliver de Dinan. cf. I. fol. 60. fol. 386.

Letter of the Prior of Bileswyke. cf. I. fol. 117.

Renunciation of Richard de Cnoll of all claim to Cudeworth, and to the Advowson of the Church of Cnoll, in the presence Reginald Bp. of Bath, and Richard Dean of Wells. cf. I. fol. 40. fol. 387.

Bp. Savaric about S. Brent. cf. I. fol. 41. fol. 387 in dors.

De eodem. cf. I. fol. 41.

Hugh the Legate de ecclesia de Hengestridge.
Testimony to H. de Camvilles Charter. cf. I. fol. 22.

Inspex: by Richard Bp. of London, of Charters about Scaldeford. cf. I. fol. 48. fol. 388.

Inspex; of the Prior of Bath, &c. cf. I. fol. 27.

Grant to Canon Helias (cf. I. fol. 26.) confirmed.

Charter of Gerbert. cf. I. fol. 39.

Charter of Bp. of Josceline about Hiwis. (cf. I. fol. 27.) It is to be held with the prebend of Cumton. A.D. 1228.

Charter of Bp. Josceline about the liberty of Hiwis. cf. I. fol. 27. fol. 389.

An indulgence of 40 days release from penance proclaimed by Bp. Robert to all who come to the Cathedral to pray for the soul of William de Rous the Sub-dean, who is buried before the Altar of St. Mary Magdalene. Given at Wells, April 12. A.D. 1290.

On Easter day, A.D. 1230, W. Archdn: of Wells and Elyas, prebendary of Compton, submit a question about the liberties of Hiwis to the decision of Bp. Josceline. fol. 389 in dors

Institution by R. Bp. of Bath of Thomas de Tornai, to the half share of Hiwis church on the presentation of Elyas de Meisi and Galfrid his heir. Test. Richard, Bp. Winton, &c.

About a virgate at Yatton. cf. I. fol. 61.

About land at Bidisham. cf. I. fol. 44.

Citation issued in the suit about Yatton. cf. fol. 390. fol. 390.

Conf: by Richard, Bp. of Winton, of the grant of William, son of William, son of Walter de Haselberg, of the church there to S. Andrew's Wells. fol. 390 in dors.

Test: Henry and John, brothers of William de Haselberg, Albert, precentor of Wells; Thomas; and Richard, Archdn: of Bath; Stephen prior of Tanton; Galfrid Sautes; John de Cumb; William de Gund paride; Ralph, Chaplain; William de Cicester, Canon of Sarum; William de Cicester, canon of Cicester; Ernald de Broch; Jordan,

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clerk de Turre; Joceline de Cheddeseia; Robert de Cadena; Adam, chaplain; Peter, clerk of the Bp. of Bath; Alured de Lincoln, Sheriff of Somerset; Robert fil: Bu; William fil: Osbert; William fil: Bernard; William de Turbervil; Bretill Juas; Hugh de Puntchard; Matthew de Wallop; Werimund de Crave, and William his brother; Richard de Chartreia; Robert de Briewes; Richard de Ralega; Hugh, pincerna; Gilbert de Norfolc; Raher de Alra; Baldwin Malet; Gilbert de Torna; Robert Buleun; Peter Turlac; Humphry Juas; Walter Giffard; Warin de Ralega; Robert ffichet; William de Stant'; William de Burci; Adam fil: Roger; Jordan de Brocht; William puherus; Baldwin de Orcherd; Adam fil: Durand; Radulf fil: Will fil: Durand; Rand' de Ralega; William de Puntchardon; Ranulf de Fluri; Robert fil: Thomas; William fil: Walter; Andrew de Lincoln; Robert fil: Atel; Richard de Lifewig; Hugh de Norris; John fil: Matthew de Wallop, &c.

fol. 390 in dors.

Charter of Rad fil: Bernard. cf. I. fol. 20.

fol. 391.

About Meleburn and Sutton Churches. cf. I. fol. 60.

Charter of William de Harpetre. cf. I. fol. 60.

Conf: by Robert de Renni of his father's grant. cf. I. fol. 20.

fol. 391 in dors.

Admission of John de Tinemuth to Aulescumb. cf. I. fol. 47.

Charter of George Desfeble, as on fol. 370, but with different witnesses.

fol. 392.

Carta de libertatibus ecclesie Wellen, by King Edward.
A document of five folios.
Given per manum nostram at Westminster, Nov. 11 anno regni 18°.

fol. 397 in dors.

About Cudworth. cf. I. fol. 39.

About Cumpton Church. cf. I. fol. 39. Called Childcumpton in the margin only.

About lands, &c. at Ilton. cf. I. fol. 38. A.D. 1260.

fol. 398.

In the presence of Richard, official of the Bp. of Sarum, and H. Tessum, canon of Sarum, and two clerks of the Bp. of Durham, the said Bp. assigned all the greater tithes of Great Corsleg, of Whiteburn, and Burgeleg, of Tolneston, of Chupmanslade sub via, and the small tithes of Corsleg to form Warminster prebend at Wells, to which he is himself admitted on the presentation of J. Bp. of Bath.
The tithes are worth 30 marcs, &c.
Given at Tarent, anno pontif. E. Cant: Archiepi. 2°.

fol. 398 in dors.

Charter of Johanna Perceval, widow of Roger Perceval, knight and lady of Carmeton, granting to John, Bp. of B. and W., 100 acres nomine glebe, and the Church of Exford. For this the Bp. has paid 40*l.*
Test: Andrew Luterel, and Henry de Glaston, Knights; John de Ralegh, Raduf fil Ursi, Walter de Meryet, Richard de Wyndesore, Roger le Walle, John de Membury, &c.
Given at Carmeton, on Monday next after S. Lucia. A.D. 1319.

Charter of Philip, brother of the late John de Drokensford, Bp. of B. and W., granting to John de Godelee and Hamelin his brother, the said land and Church of Exford.
Given at Drokensford, 6 E. III.

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About the Church of Timbrescumb. cf. I. fol. 40.

Charter of Robert de Vallibus about Aishull Church, as in I. fol. 39, but he is there called Robert de Wells. fol. 399.

William Witheng quit claims to the D. and C. a rent at Wandestreu payable on certain lands called Wythoricksham every second year. And other agreements about lands and fences, &c. fol. 399 in dors.

At an inquiry held at Stratford before N. de Turry, justiciarius assignatus, and William de Hammelton, it is decided that the advowson of Schandeford belongs to the Bp. of B. and W., and not to Constantia de Barneville. 49 H. III. fol. 400.

Charter of Robert fil Ursi. cf. fol. 39.

Gilbert, Bp. of London, about Scandeford. cf. fol. 371. fol. 400 in dors.

Charter of Benedict, Abbot of Athelney, granting to Bp. Josceline the advowson of Ilton Church.

Gerbert or Gilbert de Perci about Whitchirch. cf. I. fol. 50. fol. 401.

Charter of Robert de Meisy granting to Bp. Josceline the advowson of Barton Church, and half that of Nuniz.

Alan de ffurnell about Cudworth. cf. I. fol. 38. fol. 401 in dors.

Charter of Sibilla de Hewias. cf. I. fol. 40.

Charter of Oliver de Dinan. cf. I. fol. 60. fol. 402.

Renunciation by Henry fil: Pagan. cf. fol. 374.

Charter of Simon Bozon. cf. I. fol. 24. fol. 402 in dors.

Charter of Hamo about Scaldeford. cf. I. fol. 48.

Certificate by Bp. Reginald, enumerating the Churches, &c. given to the Cathedral in his own time. fol. 403.

Conf: by John, Bp. of Exon, of Joselina de Tresminetres grant of Aulescumb Church to Reginald, Bp. of Bath, &c.

Joeslena de Tresminet's Charter. fol. 403 in dors.

Charter of William Flandre de Dinre granting to Bp. Josceline the advowson of the Church of Dinre.

Further proceedings about the Vicarage of Yatton. A.D. 1247. fol. 404.

About Sutton Church, as on fol. 372.

About Aishull Church. cf. I. fol. 38.

Carta Kenulfi regis West Saxonum de terra que vocatur Well: dat: S. Andree Aplo:
Printed in Dugdale's Monasticon.

Conf: by King Edward of former charters of Kings Henry, John and Richard, granting markets, &c. at North Cory. fol. 405.
Given at Wyndesore, Oct. 12. Anno regni 13°.

Licence granted by King Edward, as on fol. 81. fol. 406.

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fol. 406 in dors. Grant by King Edward, at the instance of Richard Lovell, to William Malherbe of a right to hold a weekly market in his Manor of Shipham, and a fair for three days at the Feast of S. Leonard.

Given at Westminister per manum nostram, June 5. Anno regni 2°.

fol. 407. Licence by King Edward to the D. and C. to grant 100 acres of moor at North Cory to the Abbey of Athelney, notwithstanding mortmain. cf. fol. 27.

Conf: by John Count of Mortaigne of the grant made by his brother King Richard, and confirmed by himself, of Hacche, &c., to the D. and C. cf. I. fol. 10.

fol. 407 in dors. Confirmation by Henry III. cf. I. fol. 10.

fol. 408. A certificate by King H. that the Chapter claims in North Cory are found in libro feodorum.

fol. 408 in dors. Charter of Walter Rotard granting half an acre, &c., in Cheddre, to Canon Walter de Purl.

About the Church of Lidiard. cf. I. fol. 60.

fol. 409. Appointment by Hugh Sugar, the Treasurer, and the Canons and Vicars of Wells, of proctors to take possession of the land, &c., in Cheddre and Shepham and the advowson of the Church of Shepham, granted to them by Richard Swan, prepositus of the Cathedral. 18 E. IV.

fol. 409 in dors. A similar appointment by Richard Swan.

Charter of R. Swan. The aforesaid lands in Cheddre and Shepham and advowson had been obtained by the late Bp. Thomas de Bekinton, from Margaret, widow of Lord Hungerford, daughter and heiress of William Lord Botreaux and Mules, and granted by him to R. Swan and John Pope. Sept. 7. 18 E. IV.

Letters patent of King Edward to the Sheriff of Somerset about the same. Anno regni 3°.

fol. 411. Charter of Margaret Lady Hungerford, granting to Bp. Bekington the aforesaid lands, &c. 3 E. IV.

From fol. 411 to fol. 415, a series of documents upon the same subject and between the same parties. Fol. 413 in dors and fol. 414 contain lists of the tenants and the nature and amount and rents of their holdings. Many are entitled "fresuters."

fol. 415. A writ cessavit about a messuage in Wells claimed from John Nedersole by Bp. Beckington.

Upon the same matter, quia dubitatur de fraude et de collusione contrary to the statute of mortmain, a summons is issued to cause to appear at Westminster xii. tam milites quam alios liberos et legales homines de visu de Wellys, quorum quilibet habeat centum solidates terre vel redditum per annum ad minus per quos rei veritas melius seiri potest, &c.

The names of 24 are given, beginning with Thomas Lyte, Armiger.

fol. 416. Proceedings before the Court.

fol. 416 in dors Charter of Robert Malherbe, Lord of Shipham, granting a tenement there to William le Walshe.

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Charter of Henry de Cuntevill granting to Robert Malherbe lands in Shipham.

Appointment by John de Clyvedon, son of Matthew de Clyvedon Knight, and Maria de Drokensford, the wife of John, to receive possession from the said Matthew of certain lands in Shipham. fol. 417.
Given at Alre. 12 E. II.

Release by John Southerman, called Havekyn de la Barowe, to Conrad de Afflyn, of all his rights in Shipham, Barowe, and Langelborowe. 30 E. III. fol. 417 in dors.

Release by Robert Wrentche de Sampford to Robert Malherbe of all his pasture rights, &c., on Smaldon hill in Shipham. 11 E.

Another Charter of John Pope and Richard Swan about the lands &c., in Schepham. 7 E. IV. fol. 418.

Release by the same of the same. 9 E. IV. fol. 419.

Charter of Agnes de Stratford, daughter and heiress of Thomas de Stratford, widow, granting to Thomas Kempe lands, &c., at la Barwe. 23 E. III. fol. 419 in dors.

Charter of Thomas le Clerk about lands in Shipham. 39 E. III. fol. 420.

Charter of John le Clyvedon, miles, Lord of Alre granting to Richard Hendibody and Margerie his wife a tenement in Shipham.
Given at Alre, on Sunday next after S. Luke. 28 E. III.

Quit claim of Peter de la Huese to John de S. Laudo and Johanna his wife of lands in Shipham. 6 E.

Charter of Philip Wyndhull granting to John de S. Laudo, senior, knight, lands at Schepham. 39 E. III. fol. 421.

Charter of Margerie Malherbe granting to Matthew de Clyvedon, knight, the curia at Schepham which had been her dowry.
Given at Schipham on Sunday next after S. Thomas. 15 E. II. fol. 421 in dors.

Charter of Isabell daughter and heiress of Walter le Eyre de Barwe, granting to Thomas Kempe lands at Schepham. 22 E. III. fol. 422.

Charter of John de Clyvedon granting or life to Simon de Niweton a tenement, &c. at Schepham. 6 E.

Charter of Lord Botreaux granting to John Broun his Manor of Schepham, with certain exceptions. 6 H. V. fol. 422 in dors.

Exchange by Adam Malerbe with Robert Malherbe of lands in Loxton which he had as a grant from Hawice de Sperkford, for lands in Schepham.

Matthew de Clyvedon gives to his son John and his wife Maria de Drokensford possession of lands in Schepham. 12 E. II. fol. 423.

De eodem.

William Aulak quit claims to Robert Malherbe, Lord of Schepham, a tenement in Draycote.
Test: Hugh Malherbe; Thomas de Hanam, &c. fol. 423 in dors.

John de Dourle quit claims to John de S. Laudo a croft, &c. in Schepham. 6 E.

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Charter of Robert Malherbe granting to his daughter Sara a half virgate of land, &c.
Test: Gervase de Sparkford; Odo de Wandestreu, &c.

fol. 424. Power of Attorney given by the D. & C. to their proctors to receive possession from John Storthwaite, clerk; John Codeford, clerk; John Reynold, clerk; of lands in Ediston and Stokegurci. 8 H. VI.

Charter of Thomas, brother and heir of Robert Strecche, granting to John Vernay his lands in Ediston or elsewhere in Stokegurci. 12 R. II.

fol. 425. Charter of Richard Shirfield and John Blast granting to Hugh Cary and others tenements, &c. in Edeston, &c. 8 H. V.

fol. 425 in dors. A similar release in favour of R. Shirfields. 8 H. V.

Another about the same land. 5 H. V.

fol. 426. Power of Attorney given by Thomas, brother of Robert Streeche, to Richard Amys, Prior of Stokegursy, and Henry Hillacre, chaplain, to deal with lands in Ediston. 12 R. II.

fol. 426 in dors. A release by R. Verney of lands in Ediston and a tenement lately held by Alice, wife of Robert Streeche, as her dowry. 11 H. IV.

fol. 427. Charter of Lucia Redmore, sister and heiress of R. and T. Strecche, granting lands in Ediston to J. Vernay. 12 R. II.

fol. 427 in dors. Release of John Deye de Stokeland and Johanna his wife, widow of Michael de Ediston, to John Vernay, lord of Fayrefeld, of lands, &c. in Ediston. 12 R. II.

Power of Attorney by Lucia Rodemore similar to that given by T. Strecche. 12 R. II.

fol. 428. Release by the same Lucia, widow, of lands, &c. in Ediston. Robert Strecche is now dead. 12 R. II.

Charter by William de Berre to his daughter Margaret of a virgate of land in Ediston.

Lease for life to John Vernay, senior, of lands, &c., the dowry of, Alice, wife of Robert Strecche. 15 R. II.

fol. 429. Release by William de Ediston to John Vernay and his wife Anice, &c. of lands, &c. in Ediston, with the reversion of the property of his mother Johanna, widow of Michael his father. 11 R. II.

Permission granted by Humphry Courtenay and Thomas Stowell, Milites; and John Copelston, Armiger; and Gwido Baldwyn; to John Storthwayte and others, exors. of the will of the late Bp. Bubwith, to grant to the D. & C. of Wells certain lands of which they are tenants in Ediston, &c., the Statute of Mortmain non obstante. 8 H. VI.

fol. 430. A similar licence granted to the same by Agnes Sydenham, widow, about other lands in Ediston, &c. 8 H. VI.

fol. 430 in dors. Similar licence to the same by John son and heir of John Comesend about other lands in Stokegurcy. 7 H. VI.

fol. 431. Charter of Hugh Cary, Philip Amottesham and Ralph Cowfolde granting the same lands, &c. in Ediston. 6 H. VI.

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Another similar document between the same parties, 6 H. VI.

Charter of the said exors. granting certain lands which had belonged to Ralph Vernay to the D. and C. of Wells. 8 H. VI. fol. 431 in dors.

Power of Attorney about the same. 8 H. VI.

Deed between Nicholas de Plecy and Maurice de Ash, Vicars in the Cathedral, about tenements in Wells. 30 E. fol. 432.

Another deed about the same, between Cristina widow, Richard de Welweton, and John son of Richard Mogge of Tickenham. 7 E. III.

Another between Hugh le barbor, burgess of Wells, and the same, about tenements in Wells. 7 E. III. fol. 432 in dors.

Another between Ralph de Welweton and the same. 7 E. III. fol. 433.

Another between Hugh le barbor and the same. 8 E. III.

Indenture between Richard son of Davit de Welweton and Maurice de Ash about a tenement in Wells. 30 E. fol. 433 in dors.

Another deed between the same. 30 E.

Charter of Cristina, widow of Bernard de la lidiete, leasing to William, son of Hugh de Edmeston lands in Edmeston. fol. 434.

Charter of Lucia Rodemore confirming to Alice, widow of her brother Robert Strecche, lands in Stokegurcy. 12 R. II. fol. 434 in dors.

Deed between Robert son of John de la Hurne and William de Edyngton and W. de Bere about lands in Edingston. 20 E. fol. 435.

Release by Hugh Strecche de Nethere Stawcye of two acres in the Manor of Wyk to Walter le Bakeler of Stokecurcy and Beatrice his wife.

Charter of Peter de Bera confirming to William Enst of Edeston the house which Isabella daughter of Alan and Juliana de Stapela, and Cristina who was wife of Bernard de la Lidieta granted to the said William. fol. 435 in dors.

Release by William Russell son of Bernard de Pederton to William de Edeston of rents in Edigheston. 29 E. I.

Release by John Pover to Matthew son of William de Ediston, and to his wife Agneta of rents, &c. 8 E. III. fol. 436.

Release by Robert de Cowys to his son Robert of land at the Cross of Ediston.

Release by John Vode to Robert Strecche of a burgage in Stokecurcy. 32 E. III. fol. 436 in dors.

Similarly William son and heir of Peter de Bere to Robert son of Ealn: de Comnys.

Indenture between John Tryvet and John Vernay about a sum of 20*l*. The case had been before Elyas Spelly, Mayor of Bristol, and John Colston, clerk. 11 R. II. fol. 437.

Release by Walter le Bakeler to Henry son of William de Ediston, and to Conilla his wife, and to John the son of Henry de Edeston of two acres in la Wyk. fol. 437 in dors.

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fol. 438. Agreement between Agatha widow of Robert Strecche de Comys and William son of Peter de Bere, the latter to hold all the former's dower lands in Ediston and Comys. 9 E. I.

Charter of Laurencia widow of Walter de Cowmyche leasing to Robert Chandell three acres in Ediston. 7 E. II.

fol. 438 in dors. Charter of John Williames granting to Michael de Ediston, and John Stenyng, all his property in Canington Hundred. 44 E. III.

Sir Roger Grey grants to Robert Wilcok, pottar, a half burgage in Stokecurcy. 45 E. III.

fol. 439. Agreement between Robert de Comys and Walter Paty about three acres in Ediston. 56 H. III.

Bond for 20*l.* given by William son and heir of Michael Ediston, Merchant to John Tryvet, Knight, for merchandise bought from him. In default of payment distraint to be levied under the statute about merchants made apud Acton Burnell et Westm. tempore Edwardi III. 7 R. II.

Lease of half an acre in Stokecury by Ralph Vernay. 9 H. IV.

Michael de Edeston grants to his son William, senior, a messuage in Edeston. 42 E. III.

fol. 440. Letter of Anna sister of Alice Strecche about lands in Ediston. 12 R. II.

M. de Ediston grant to W. Dullok a messuage. 51 E. III.

fol. 440 in dors. Power of Attorney given by Thomas Strecche to Richard Amys, Prior of Stokcursy. 12 R. II.

John Tryvet, miles, about the 20*l.* due to him. 7 R. II.

fol. 441. Charter of Thomas Strecche granting to Alice, his brother Robert's widow, various lands in Ediston. 12 R. II.

fol. 441 in dors. Charter of John Vernay granting to the same Alice and Thomas certain lands in Ediston. 12 R. II.

fol. 442. Charter of Alice Strecche granting to Walter Trybon and Alice Bewepoll all her dower lands, &c. 7 H. IV.

fol. 442 in dors. Charter of Ralph Vernay granting to John Babbe, Senior, and Isabella his wife, and to John Babbe, junior, and Isabella his wife, the reversion of land in Ediston. 11 H. IV.

William de Edeston grants to his son John a messuage.

fol. 443. Ralph, son of John Vernay, grants to William Lyghe a cottage, &c. 15 R. II.

M. de Edeston and Agnes his wife leases to Richard Everard lands. 45 E. III.

fol. 443 in dors. Agreement between Ralph Vernay and William Martyn about a croft near Stenenford. 15 R. II.

fol. 444. Lease for lives by John Vernay to Alice and Thomas Strecche of land at Ediston. 12 R. II.

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Grant by Ralph Vernay to John Babbe of land in Ediston. 11 H. IV.

The same grants a tenement to T. Hugchon. 10 H. IV. — fol. 444 in dors.

The same to R. Lukays, &c. a half burgage. 12 R. II. — fol. 445.

Michael de Edeston to Walter Boxse a messuage. 44 E. III. — fol. 445 in dors.

Thomas Strecche, and the widow Alice, about lands in Ediston. 12 R. II. — fol. 446.

Michael de Ediston to his son William, senior, a messuage. 42 E. III.

Ralph Vernay to John Babbe, &c. 9 H. IV. — fol. 446 in dors.

Letter of Anna and Alice Strecche as above.

The grant by Lucia Rodemar to Alice Strecche. 12 R. II. — fol. 447.

Ralph Vernay to William Trybon a close in Ediston. 6 H. IV. — fol. 447 in dors.

Agreement between John de Mahoun and Hamelin de Godley tenant of lands at Bickenalre. — fol. 448.
Given at Dunster. A.D. 1330.

Rentale de Stokegummer. — fol. 448 in dors.
A list of 12 tenants and their holdings.

Order made by Bp. R. about the revenues, &c. of Doulting. — fol. 449.

Marke annexed to the prebend of Wedmore. cf. I. fol. 51. — fol. 449 in dors.

Charter of Galfrid de Mandevill granting to Bp. Josceline the advowson of Whitcherch. — fol. 450.

Order made by Richard Bp. of Sarum about the tithes of Wodeton in Whitcherch of which Hugh de Greneford is the parson, and W. de Welles Vicar of Wodeton chapel, and Thomas de la Wise parson of the Chapel. Adam de Wodeton, Knight, is also a party in the case.

Inspex: of the last by the Chapter of Sarum. A.D. 1224. — fol. 450 in dors.

Order made by Robert, Bp. of Sarum, with the consent of Bp. Josceline, for the appropriation of the Church of Whitcherch and payment of a pension, in order to provide a sufficiency for the canons of the two Cathedrals, who are now compelled to neglect to render their personal services on account of poverty, while they seek a means of support elsewhere. — fol. 451.
A document of more than two folios.

Inspeximus by Bp. Robert of Sarum, of an order made by the papal commissaries in a cause between the rector of Whitcherch, Hugh de Greneford, and the Abbey of Abbedesbury, about the tithes of Wodeton. — fol. 453.

Order made by Robert, Abbot of Malmesbury and other commissaries in a dispute between Richard the parson of Whitcherch and William Heiron lord of Cernemue about the chapel of Cernemue. — fol. 453 in dors.

Final concord about the same. — fol. 454.

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Charter Robert de Mandevile, granting to St. Wite and to the church of Witechurch the land la Bere.

fol. 454 in dors. Agreement made between John de Chideok, Knight, lord of Chidiok, and the D. and C. of Wells, about a place near the chapel of Chidiok.

Institution of William de Wells as parson of Whitcherch on the presentation of Robert de Mandevil, by Bp. Herbert of Sarum. Jan. 23. Anno pontif 21°.

Order made by the Abbot of Malmesbury and the other commissaries about the pension of Cernemue.

fol. 455 in dors. Littera procuratoria by the J. Bp. of Bath about the same. A.D. 1241.

Institution by Bp. Richard of Sarum of Hugh de Greneford into the Church of Whitcherch on the presentation of Robert de Mandevile.

fol. 456. Confirmation by Josceline son of Hubert, canon of Wells, and Reginald Kniht of a sale of a tenement by Adam canon of Wells to Milo the chaplain, which Adam has brought from John de Cardevill and Mirabella his sister. Test: Canon Henry de London, &c.

Littera procuratoria of the Chapter of Sarum. A.D. 1239.

Final Concord made between Galfrid de Mandevill, and Bp. Josceline and the Chapter of Wells, &c. about the advowson of Witchurch.—The advowson of the Vicarage is to belong to the Bp. of Bath, and the Chapter promise that the said Galfrid and his heirs shall be participators in the benefit of all prayers in the said Church.

fol. 456 in dors. De honore de Merswode.

King John to all men, &c., recognitum est in curia nostra, &c. "Senior" held the said Barony, and had a son Robert de Mandevill: the same Robert had a son Galfrid de Mandevill scilicet Galfrid de Cotre, who begat Robert de Mandevill father of Robert de Mandevill who claims the Barony. The said Galfrid, senior, after the death of the mother of the aforesaid Robert de Mandevill, married again and had a son, Radulf de Mandevill, who after his father's death held the Barony by the will of the King because he was a better knight than his elder brother. The said Radulf had a daughter Dionisia who married William son of John, then Seneschal of Normandy, and bore Henry de Tilly, &c. We therefore have restored (reddidimus) to the aforesaid Robert de Mandevill, who was born of the eldest son and was the true heir of the said Galfrid de Mandevill, Senior, the Barony, &c. Given at Porecestre. May 24. Anno regni 8°.

Large volume marked D. of 128 folios containing copies of Indentures, &c., A.D. 1535-1546.

fol. 4. March 20, 33 H. VIII., grant by the Chapter to Walter Cretyng of "the rome of too coples within the walls from the end of the workehouse situate in the Camery of the sowthe syde of the foresaide Cathedral church towards the west end of the same workhouse, containing by estimation xvi. foote of length, to make a stable, and all the whole lofte

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over all the saide workhouse, with a little orchard there lyeing, and the herbage of the said Camery, &c., &c."

Between fols. 6 and 7 there are 5 folios blank.

Manumission, by the Bishop, of the family of Goodriche, nativus of Banwell, "ab omni jugo servitutis villenagii." fol. 7.
Given at Banwell, Oct. 18, A.D. 1533.
Confirmed by the Chapters of Bath and of Wells, A.D. 1535.

Grant by Bishop John of an annuity of £20 secured upon the manor of Pokelchurch "dilecto nobis in Christo magnifico et precellenti viro Thome Cromewell, armigero, serenissimi et potentissimi principis Henrici octavi Angliæ, &c. . . . ac ecclesie Anglisane in terrâ sub Christo supremi capitis, primario secretario, propter preclara illius in nos merita, et pro ejus bono et sano consilio, et auxilio tam nobis hactenus impensis quam nobis et successoribus in posterum impendendis, &c." fol. 9 in dors.
Dec. 22, 27 H. VIII.

John Chamber, the Treasurer, Walter Cretying, Archdeacon of Bath, Robert Bysse, and John Gy, canons, appointed by the Chapter to produce on their behalf before Thomas Crumwell, &c. &c. vicegerent of the king, &c., &c. "Librum Ordinalis et statutorum eccl. cathedralis Wellensis et verum ejusdem, libri exemplar, ac omnes et singulas bullas seu scripta sive rescripta papistica in archivis nostris reperta, necnon plenum et fidele Inventarium indentatum omnium et singulorum Jocalium et denariorum in Thesauraria ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis remanentium et existentium . . . Predictumque librum, &c. (collatione . . facta) atque unam partem dicti Inventarii prefatis procuratoribus . . retradi, &c. Juramentum insuper quodcumque in hac parte . . requisitum in animas nostras prestandum, &c. fol. 10 in dors.
Given in the Chapter House, Jan. 31, A.D. 1535.

Similarly, Mr. Richard Eryngton, and Roger Edgeworth, Professor of Theology, canons residentiary of Wells, are appointed by the Chapter to produce before Thomas Crumwell, &c., &c., &c. "Omnia et singula scripta, cartas sive munimenta originalia dicte ecclesie, donationes, appropriationes, portiones et pensiones, omnium et singularum ecclesiarum, parochialium eidem ecclesie cathedrali appropriatarum, fundationesque et ordinationes omnium cantariarum in eadem fundatarum, necnon omnes bullas . . . et Inventarium omnium Jocalium et denariorum &c. juramentum quoque in hac parte requisitum . . prestandum, &c. fol. 11 in dors.
Given in the Chapter House, April 22, A.D. 1536.

Appointment by the Chapter of Polydore Vergil, Archdeacon of Wells; John Chambre, the Treasurer; Walter Cretyng, Archdeacon of Bath; and John Nase, canons of Wells; to be proctors in the convocation to be holden in St. Paul's on June 9. fol. 12.
Given in the Chapter House, June 1, A.D. 1536.

The Tythe corn, als the Tythe Sheyf, of the parsonage at Charde, and the Barne and garden, let by William Rawlyns, provost of Wells, and parson of Charde, to John Palle of Charde.
The rent for the Tithe corn or sheaf of Elderchard is £3 13*s.* 4*d.*; of Tatteworth is £4 13*s.* 4*d.*; of Southercherde £3 10*s.* 0*d.*; of Kermercherde £4 3*s.* 4*d.*; of Forthington £3 10*s.* 0*d.*; of Demense lands £2; of the Town 3*s.* 4*d.* The rent of the pasture of the parsonage garden 6*s.* 8*d.*

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Reserving to the said Provost the "Chester corn." The said J. Palle is also to find for the horses of the officers of the said Provost, good and sufficient hay, with plenty of litter, and 2 bushels of oats, on a payment of 1½*d.* a day and night, once or twice in the year for the space of two days each time. And similarly for the Provost's horses for one week every year, at the rate of 1½*d.* for every horse for each day and night.
March 6, 27 H. VIII.

fol. 18. Lease by the Chapter of Buckland Abbots parsonage and its appurtenances, to William Bonde of the same place, yeoman of the King's guard.
June 4, 29 H. VIII.

fol. 21 in dors. Petition from the Chapter to the Bishop for licence to elect a Dean in the place of Richard Woleman, deceased.
Sept. 23, A.D. 1537.

fol. 22. Grant by the Bishop to Thomas Wryotehesley, Armiger, and William Peter, D.L., of the next presentation of Litton prebend.
Given at Banwell, Sept. 23, A.D. 1527. Probably an error for A.D. 1537.

fol. 22 in dors. Collation by the Dean and Chapter (no names given) to Bishop Erghum's Chantry, at the altar of S. Osmund, on the south side of the Nave of the Cathedral, of John Herpole, presbiter.
Sept. 29, A.D. 1537.

fol. 22 in dors. The King's letter.
To our trustie and wellbelovyd the president and chapitre of our Cathedral Church of Wellys.
Trustie and welbelovyd we grete you well. And for asmoche as upon significacion by our letters made unto you of our determynacion for the preferment of our right trustie and welbelovyd counsaillour the lorde pryvye seale to the rome of the deane in that in our cathedrall churche of Wells as we understonde with a right honest and a lovinge sorte ye have been contentyd therein to gratifie us. And soo have proceeded thereunto so farre as with thobservacion of your laudable ceremonyes in that behalf accustomyd ye have elected chosen and enstalled our sayd counsaillour in the saide deanery. To thyntent ye shulde knowe y^t^ we doo accept and take your proceeding in the same in moste thankfull parte we thought yt convenyent for us not onely by these our letters to geve unto you therefore our expresse and condigne thankes. But also to advertyse you y^t^ in all your reasonable pursutes we shall soo further declare our good favour and affection towards you and every of youe as ye shall have cause to thinke your confyrmyty therein well employed. Geven under our sygnett at Asher the fyrste day of October.

fol. 23. Grant by the Bishop John of the Advowson of the Archdeaconry of Wells upon the next vacancy, pro hac vice tantum, to the King.
Given at Banwell, Oct. 5, A.D. 1537.
"Et nos Thomas Crumwell, miles, dominus Crumwell decanus ecclesie Cathedralis S. Andree Wellen," and the Chapter confirm it.

Thomas Crumwell, &c., &c., decanus, and the Chapter, appoint Walter Dennys, miles; John Fryse, generosus; Thomas Swetman, Rector of Syston, and Richard Wall, curate of Westerley in Worcester diocese, to be their proctors for the king's visitation, and for the questions raised about the impropriate church of Pokelchurch.
Given in the Chapter House, Oct. 15, A.D. 1537.

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An Indenture about Ashbury parsonage, in Berkshire, is confirmed by Bp. John; William, the Prior of Bath; and by Thomas Crumwell, Knight, &c., &c., Dean of Wells, and the Chapter, Oct. 24, 39 H. VIII. fol. 25.

An Indenture about Thorne S. Margaret's, confirmed by Thomas Crumwell, the Dean, and the Chapter of Wells, on May 8, A.D. 1538. fol. 26.

A grant of land at Chard, confirmed by William Prior of the Cathedral Church of Bath on May 28; and by Thomas Crumwell, the Dean, and the Chapter of Wells, on June 6, A.D. 1538. fol. 26 in dors.

Collation of William ffenwyke, Chaplain, to the Chantry of Stephen Hull at the altar of S. Stephen in the Cathedral of Wells, by Thomas Crumwell, the Dean, and the Chapter. June 14, A.D. 1538. fol. 57.

An Indenture about Hengstridge prebend, confirmed by Thomas Crumwell and the Chapter. Aug. 12, A.D. 1538.

A similar confirmation by William, Prior of Bath, and by Thomas Crumwell, Dean of Wells, and the Chapter, of the Bishop's grant to Nicholas FitzJames of the park at Evercreech, on Oct. 10 and Oct. 20 respectively, A.D. 1538. fol. 29.

Thomas Crumwell acts as Dean in granting a reversion to Thomas Parry, on Nov. 30, A.D. 1538.

A similar confirmation by William, the Prior of Bath, and Th. Crumwell, the Dean &c. of Wells, Nov. 2, A.D. 1538. fol. 30 and 30 in dors.

Order by Bishop John, as Commissary for the King, with reference to the 30 marcs annually paid by the direction of Bp. Joceline for the daily service of the Blessed Virgin at Her Altar in the Cathedral; 13 Vicars Choral are appointed to that service; the sum of £6 8*s*. 4*d*. is also paid annually by his direction by the Provost of the Cathedral for a certain "missa de requiem jam vulgariter Nuncupata 'Martyns Masse,' daily in the chapel of S. Martin juxta fontem in dicta ecclesia cathedrali," by six vicars choral, on behalf of the souls of Bp. Savaric, his successors, and all benefactors of the Church. Inasmuch as the duty of seeing that the statutes of these foundations are carried out lies with the Bishop, but he is frequently compelled to be absent from Wells upon urgent business of the realm, and cannot attend to these things in person as he ought and would wish, he by and with the advice of the Chapters of Bath and of Wells devolves this duty upon the Dean and Chapter of Wells, &c., &c.

Attested by the seals of the Chapters of Bath and Wells, and given in the Palace at Wells on Dec. 14, A.D. 1535.

Confirmed by the D. & C. of Wells, Jan. 2, A.D. 1535.

Confirmed by William, the Prior of Bath, Jan. 2, A.D. 1535.

Grant by Bp. John to Thomas Crumwell, &c., &c. (but not called Dean of Wells), the right of presentation, for one turn upon the next vacancy, to the office of Provost of the Cathedral. fol. 32.

Given at Chewe, Dec. 1, A.D. 1538.

Confirmed by the Chapter of Wells on Dec. 7, and by William Holloway, Prior of Bath, and the Chapter, on Dec. 3, 30 H. VIII. This is the last time that any confirmation by the Chapter of Bath occurs.

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fol. 34. Grant by the D. & C. to William Peter, D.L., in return for many good offices, of an annuity of 40 shillings.
Given in the Chapter House, Jan. 10, 30 H. VIII.

fol. 36 in dors. Grant by Bp. John to Thomas Crumwell de Wilmyngton, nobilis ordinis garterii militis, &c., &c. (but not called Dean of Wells), and to Thomas Writhesley, and to William Popley, generosus, of the patronage of the Prebend of Dultingcote, for one turn, upon the next vacancy.
Given at Chewe, Feb. 25, A.D. 1537.

Collation by Thomas Crumwell, &c., the Dean, and the Chapter, of John Smith, junior, a vicar choral, to the Chantry in the Chapel of All Saints in the cemetery called "le palme churche-yard," with leave to absent himself from the night services, as a reward for his great merits, and for his diligence in instructing the choristers, and for his great labour in composing "nonnullos cantus ad divini cultus augmentationem."

He must provide himself with books "Vulgariter nuncupat: square books and pricke songe books," for the choir, for the Chapel of the Blessed Mary, and for the Processions on the principal Feasts, and shall leave them to his successors. The grant is "quoad vixeris et vicarius choralis . . . . extiteris," but if the revenues of the said Chantry paid by the Hospital of S. Mark, near Bristol, should fail, he is to receive no compensation from the Chapter, but "saltem prout fortuna duxerit in ea parte eris omnino contentus."
Given in the Chapter House, Wells, May 13, A.D. 1538.

Until the above entry T. Cromwell has not been mentioned by name as Dean of Wells since the entry on fol. 30. The entries are simply "The Dean and Chapter," until fol. 39 in dors.

fol. 37 in dors. Petition of the Dean and Chapter to the King. Inasmuch as their statutes "jam nuper per statuta et leges regni vestri Anglie justissime abolita . . . adnullata, &c., sunt, nulliusque momenti jam merito habita sunt," they petition the King to ordain new statutes. Dec. 6, A.D. 1538.

fol. 39 in dors. Presentation by William Bowreman, the Sub-dean, and the Chapter (decano dicte ecclesie absente), of Richard Adam to H. Huseef's Chantry, at the Altar of S. Calixtus.
June 18, A.D. 1539.

fol. 42. Grant by Bishop John to Thomas Crumwell "ordinis garterii incliti, ac sigilli privati Illustrissimi domini Regis Custodi," of all the messuage, tenement, and garden adjacent, &c. in the parish of S. Bartholomew's the Less in London, now held by Patrick Prouse, "mercator scissor," with authority to his attorneys, Thomas Clarke, armiger, and Ralph Hopton, generosus, to enter and give possession. June 30, A.D. 31 H. VIII.
Confirmed by the Dean and Chapter, July 5, A.D. 1539.

fol. 42 in dors. Grant by the Bishop to Edward, Earl of Hertfort, of the next presentation of the Canonry and Prebend of Compton Episcopi.
Given in London, June 22, A.D. 1539.
Confirmed by the D. & C. on Sept. 30 of the same year.

Similar grant of the next presentation of the Prebend of Tymberscombe, to Mr. John Gostwike, armiger; John Roke, of London, generosus; and Robert Bebe, a servant of the King's.
Given May 31, A.D. 1539.
Confirmed by the D. & C., Oct. 25 of the same year.

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Grant by the Bishop to his brother Thomas Clerke, and his daughter Alice, of the reversion of a close in Wells called the West Garden lands in Westbury, Congresbury, Wellyngton, Wyke by Pockelchurch, at a rent of £6 7*s.* 4*d.* fol. 43.
Given at Chewe, Nov. 10, 31 H. VIII.

Appointment by Thomas Crumwell, miles, dominus Crumwell, decanus, with the consent of the Chapter, of W. Butler to be Bailiff of Bempston Hundred; to have the custody of the park at Wedmore; and also of the Woods of the Hundred, with wages 20*s.*, 13*s.* 4*d.*, and 6*s.* 8*d.* for the several offices. fol. 44.
Given Dec. 1, 31 H. VIII.
Confirmed by himself as Dean, and by the Chapter, in the Chapter House on the same day.

Grant by the Bishop to his brother Thomas Clerke de Wokey, and to Thomas Horner de Melles, generosus, of the next presentation of the parish Church of Laverton. fol. 45.
Given at Wells, Jan. 20, 25 H. VIII.
Confirmed by the Chapter, Jan. 8, A.D. 1539, 31 H. VIII.

Lease by John Chambre, the Treasurer, to Christopher Newton of Westminster, Yeoman, of all the parsonage of Martock and its appurtenances for £59 a year. Dec. 30, 31 H. VIII. fol. 45 in dors.
The premises are described.

Grant by the Bishop of the Advowson of the Church of Henton S. George, to Hugh Powlett, relative and heir of John Gyfford, lord of the manor of Henton. The said Advowson had once belonged to the said manor, but it had come into the hands of the Bishop of B. & W. by lapse, and been in his possession for long time. fol. 48.
Given in the Palace at Wells, March 15, A.D. 1539.
"Vacat" is placed against this entry.

Grant by James FitzJames, the Chancellor, of the Advowson of the Vicarage of Kyngsbury, to his natural sister Thomasine FitzJames. fol. 51.
Given at Wells, Dec. 22, 31 H. VIII.

Indenture between Bishop John and Raufe Pylkyngton, Citizen and Haberdasher of London. The Bishop grants and lets to the said R. P. for 40 years, at a rent of £1 7*s.* 8*d.* "All that his hall called the fryer's hall, with parlour, Botry, and iiii. chambers called the fryers chambers, and a garden therto and adjoyning with thappurtenances sette lying and beyng within the precincte of the late dissolved Monastery of the Mynores withoute Aldgete of London (excepte and alwayes reserved unto the saide Busshoppe at suche tymes as the same Busshoppe shall happen to resorte and abyde at the said late Monastery duryng his lyfe naturall, too of the saide chambres, and the saide garden with free ingresse and egresse in to and from the same at all tymes during his saide abode there"). fol. 51 in dors.
Made on June 9, 32 H. VIII.
Confirmed by the D. & C., June 11, A.D. 1540.

A similar Indenture between the Bishop and Alice, widow of Thomas Lupsett, Citizen and Goldsmith of London.
The Bishop grants to her, for 28 years at a rent of 10 shillings, "all that his too lowe chambers and kechyn with their appurtenances sett and being neer the Churche within the precincte of the said Busshoppes

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place, without Aldgate in London, late called the Mynores, whiche too chambers be nowe in the holding of the saide Alice."
Made June 22, 32 H. VIII.
Confirmed by the D. & C., June 25, A.D. 1540.

fol. 53. The petition of W. Bowerman, the Subdean, and the Chapter of Wells, to Bp. John, for licence to elect a Dean "quod decanatus predictus ecclesie vestre cattedralis per attincturam et mortem Thome Crumwell, Comitis Essex, ultimi Decani ejusdem, nuper vacavit et vacat in presenti atque decani solatio desitutus est &c."
Given in the Chapter House, Nov. 2, A.D. 1540.

The Bishop grants the licence, because "a regia majestate nobis concessum ac auctoritate parliamenti provisum ut nobis juxta constitutiones antiquas ejusdem ecclesie hujusmodi licentiam concedendi imposterum remaneret, &c."
Given in hospitio nostro London extra Aldgate, Dec. 3, A.D. 1540.

fol. 54 in dors. Presentation by the Chapter to S. Cuthbert's Vicarage, addressed to Archbp. Thomas, the see of B. & W. being vacant.
Jan. 26, A.D. 1540.

fol. 55. Petition of Dean ffitzwilliam and the Chapter to the King for licence to elect a Bishop.
Feb. 8, A.D. 1540.

fol. 57. Grant by John ffitzJames, Prebendary of Whitchurch, of the Advowson of Benagre to his brother Nicholas, armiger.
March 5, A.D. 1540.

fol. 57 in dors. The King's licence for the election of a Bishop.
Given at Grenewyche, April 9, 32 H. VIII.

fol. 58. The Chapter to the King, that they have elected as Bishop William Knight, Archdeacon of Richmond, &c.
April 23, A.D. 1541.

fol. 59. Collation by the D. & C. of R^t Welshe to Bp's. Erghum's Chantry. June 30, A.D. 1541.

Grant by the Bishop of the Advowson of the Treasurer's office, and the Church of Martock, to "John Russell ordinis garterii militi domino Russell et Magno 'Anglia Admirallo, firancisco Bryan, militi, et Anthonio Denny, armigero private camere domini nostri regis, generoso, et Johanni Chamber, decano capelle regie S. Stephani infra palatium Westm."
Given July 18, A.D. 1541.
Confirmed by the D. & C. on July 23.

fol. 59 in dors. The Advowson of the Vicarage of Martock is granted by the abovenamed John Chamber, M.D., &c., to the Bishop and to the Subdean of Wells, to John Daykn, D.L., and Cuthbert Walker, layman, July 2, A.D. 1541.

fol. 60. A similar grant by the same to the same of the Vicarage of Wyveliscombe. July 2, A.D. 1541.

Grant by the Bp. William of a piece of ground "in pomerio palatii nostri Wellen vocat 'the Busshop's Chamerey,'" containing 200 ft. in length, and 54 ft. from the wall of the pasture of the Cathedral called

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'the Church Chamerey' in the direction of S. Andrew's fountain and the stream flowing from it.
Given at Chewe Magna, Sept. 1, 33 H. VIII.

The lease of the Friars Hall to R. Pilkington is extended to 89 years. Nov. 23, 33 H. VIII. fol. 62 in dors

Another Indenture about the same. Feb. 21, 33 H. VIII. fol. 64.

Grant by Bp. William to John Lord Russell, and to Francis Bryan, of the next presentation either to the Archdeaconry of Bath, the Prebends of Compton Dundon, or the Prebend of Whitelackyngton, to whichever of them first falls vacant. June 26, A.D. 1543. fol. 74 in dors.

Collation by the D. & C. to Bp. Erghum's Chantry. June 30, A.D. 1543. fol. 75.

Grant by the Bishop of the next presentation of the Prebend of Yatton to Thomas Duke of Norfolk. July 8, A.D. 1543. fol. 75 in dors.

A similar grant of the Prebend of S. Decuman's to Robert Palmer, B.L., John Marshall, Cuthbert Walker, generosus, and William Strayker. fol. 76.
Given in the Palace at Wells, June 28, A.D. 1543.

Another Indenture about the parcel of ground in the Minores, lately called "the lavondrie, which late Monastery now by the King's Majestie's grant is gyven by way of exchaunge for to be the manour or logyng of the Busshop of Bath and Wells, for the tyme being for ever. And the said grownde conteyneth in length fourtie foote betwext the way that leadeth towards the olde gate by the well on the west syde, and the late Church wall of the same estwarde. And in breade xxxvi. foote betwexte the way of the north syde of the saide late monastery, and the buttrie of the same southwarde, wherin nowe standyth olde deformed und ruynouse buldyngs, which saide olde buldyngs the said John Moore promiseth by these presents to reedifie and repayre, and to make in the saide place an apt and convenient mansion house to dwell in at his owne costs and charges. And also the said Busshop for himself and his successors, by the consent of the Dean and Chapter aforesaid, doth demise . . . to the said John Moore one garden place within the precincte aforesaide lyeng in length by the sowthewall of the saide late monastery and extendyng estward towards the common draught-house and westward to the corner of the Bryke house parcell of the said manor place or lodgyng aforesaide." fol. 77.
The lease is for three score years at a rent of 5*s.* a year. May 20, 35 H. VIII.

Indenture between the King and John Aylworth, junior, of Wells and London, by which the latter is to have the House or Hospital of S. John the Baptist lately dissolved, with the houses and lands belonging to it (all specified), for 21 years at a rent of £6 4*s.* 10*d.* fol. 78.
Given Sept. 20, 31 H. VIII. This is confirmed by the Bishop, quantum in nobis est, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter, for another 60 years, that is from the 1st of the present month of August for the term of 77 years.
Given on Aug. 1, 35 H. VIII.

Collation by the D. & C. "Auctoritate fulciti . . . . . illustrissimi principis . . . . Henrici &c., &c.," of one of the four Chantries founded on behalf of Bp. Bubwith. Oct. A.D. 1543. fol. 80.

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fol. 85. Grant by the Bishop "Auctoritate regia fulcitus" to Cuthbert Walker, Robert Palmer, and William Straker, of the next presentation to the office of Treasurer together with the Church of Martock, &c.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Dec. 18, A.D. 1543.

fol. 85 A similar grant to Cuthbert Walker, Galfrid Upton, and John Galoway of the next presentation to the Chancellorship.
Given at the same time and place as the last.

fol. 86. Similar grant of the next presentation of the Prebend of Compton Episcopi to John Pascal of Great Radowe in Essex.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Jan. 12, A.D. 1543.

Similarly the Prebend of Combe III. to Walter Cretyng, D.L., Richard Daye, generosus, and William Porter, yeoman.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Jan. 29, A.D. 1543.

fol. 86 in dors. Similarly the Prebend of Eston in Gordano to John Tregonwell, D.L. Jan. 20, A.D. 1541.

The Bishop to the Most Illustrious Princess Katherine . . . Queen, and to the Noble William Earl of Essex. Has granted to them the next presentation of the Prebend of Yatton.
Given at Wyveliscombe, March 19, A.D. 1543.

fol. 88. Indenture between Thomas Leight, gentleman, of the Middle Temple, and George Parsons, yeoman, servant to Sir Thomas Awdeley, knight, Lord Awdeley, of Walden, and Lord Chancellor of England. The latter is to have the parsonage at Bokeland Denham, glebe lands, tithes, &c., &c., saving only the Advowson of the Vicarage, for 60 years at a yearly rent of £8 6*s.* 8*d.* March 16, 35 H. VIII.

fol. 91 in dors. Grant by the Bishop of the next presentation of Aishull prebend to John Hyllacre, generosus.
Given in the Palace at Wells, April 15, 35 H. VIII.

Presentation by the Chapter (decano in remotis agente) to the Chantry of H. Husee. May 13, A.D. 1544.

fol. 99. To our trustie and welbelovyd the dean and Chapter of Wells and in thabsence of the dean to the chapitow there. Somersedshire.

By the kyng.

fol. 92. Trusty and welbelovid we greate you well. And wher as betwene us and themperour upon provocation of manifold injuries committed by the frenche kyng unto us both perticulerly and for his confederation with the Turke agaynste tholl common wealth of Christendom. It ys agreed that eche of us a parte in personne with his puissaunt armey in severall parties this somer shall invade the realme of ffraunce we late you wite that having not yet appoynted so greate a nomber for that purpose as ys necessary upon the good opinion we have of you with ernest good wyll to see us furnished as to our honour apperteyneth we have appoynted you to send the nomber of forty hable footemen whereof viii to be archers every one furnished with a good bow in a case and xxiiii good arrowes in a case a good sword and a dagger. And the rest to be byll men having besides there bylles every of them a good sword and a dagger to be levied of your owne servaunts tennants and others fforseing that if any other man having tenants within any your manours or lordshipps be by our letters appoynted to make us any men ye shall have the preferment of the makyng of the same his tenants to serve us in this

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journey not faylying to have your said men in suche aredines furnished with cotes and hose of suche colours as ys appoynted for our Reregard as they fayle not to be at our towne of dover the xii day of June. Wher order his taken for theire transportacion accordingly.

Geven under our signet at our palaice of Westminster the xxv day of May the xxxvi yere of our reigne. And our further is that in any wyse you send us the saide nomber being all pyked and hable men as ye tender thadvauncement of our affaires and for the contrary therof wylbe put to the losse of theire cotes conducte and harneys.

Another deed about the grant to John and Elizabeth Moore of the Minores. fol. 98 in dors.

Given at Wyveliscombe, March 10, 35 H. VIII.

The Bishop grants the next presentation to the Vicarage of Chard; Fol. 100 in dors. that of the Prebend of Combe II.; Fol. 101 that of the Prebend of Combe V. to diverse persons. A.D. 1544. fol. 100.

The Prebend of Combe VII. and fol. 102.
the Church of Cristen Malvern in Sarum diocese are similarly dealt with. fol. 103 in dors.

Collation by the D. & C. "auctoritate . . . domini Henrici" to the Chantry of S. Edmund. Dec. 10, A.D. 1544. fol. 104.

Grant by the Bishop of the next presentation to the Archdeaconry of Taunton to several persons, viz., to Richard Morysin, generosus, John Danking, D.L., and Cuthbert Walker, generosus. fol. 104 in dors.

Given at Banwell, Aug. 12, A.D. 1544.

The next presentation to the Prebend of Combe XIIII. granted by the Bishop to three persons named. fol. 111.

That of Whitchurch similarly to Lord Audeley. That of Eston in Gordano to John Tregonwell. fol. 111 in dors.

From the Erle of Hertforde. fol. 115.

After my hartie commendacions. Wheras I am enformed by this berar whom heretofore I preferred unto the prebend of my donation there that ye witholde from him the canonicall house incident to the same by colour of a lease thereof heretofore to you made by thabbot and convent of the late Monasterye of Mochelney which I suppose ye wolde be lothe to stande to yf ye well considered the lawe in that case before this established thendempnitie wherof for the good will I bere you I wolde be lothe ye shulde incurre, have therfore thoughte good to will and require you at the contemplation herof to permitte and suffre him to entree therunto and to enjoy the same as of righte he ought to doo, rather than otherwise to move any matier that might turne you to displeasure not doubtyng but that ye woll consider my good wyll therin and thanckfully followe myne advice and request so that ye shall have no just occasion of further pursute in that behalfe. Thus hartelly fare you well.

At the Court the xth of Maye 1595.

Grant by the Bishop to the King of the Manor of Wyke in Gloucestershire, "certis de causis me specialiter moventibus." fol. 116 in dors.

Given at Wyveliscombe, June 20, 37 H. VIII.

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fol. 117 in dors. Grant by the Bishop to the Lord Thomas Wriothesley, Chancellor of England, of an annuity of £20.
Given at Wells, Sept. 18, A.D. 1545.

fol. 118. Collation by the D. & C. to the Chantry of Bp. Erghum, at S. Edmund's altar. Oct. 1, A.D. 1545.

Grant by the Bishop of the next presentation to the Precentorship, to Lord Wryothesley.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Oct. 3, A.D. 1545.

fol. 119 in dors. Collation by the D. & C. to the Chantry of Bp. Erghum. Oct. 15, A.D. 1545.

fol. 121 in dors. Warrant by Dean ffitz William for Thomas Clerke, armiger, to have every year unum damum in summer, and unam damam in winter from the park at Wedmore. June 1, 35 Hen. VIII.

fol. 122 in dors. Collation by the D. & C. to the Chantry of Bp. Bubwith. Nov. 4, A.D. 1545.

A similar collation on Nov. 25.

fol. 126. Grant by William Rawlyns, the provost, of the next presentation of the Vicarages of Combe S. Nicholas and of Wynesham, to Humphry Browne, knight, and to William Pawlett de Gothurst. Nov. 26, 37 H. VIII.

All the above Episcopal grants are confirmed by the Dean and Chapter.

Besides the documents noted above, there are others referring to Advowsons, Annuities, and to the Churches and Manors of Ashill, Ashbury, Bladeney, Banwell, Buckland Abbots, Buckland Dinham, Burnham, Compton Ep^{i}, Compton in Berks, Congresbury, Charde, Cranmore, Chew, Cheddar, Cutcombe, St. Decuman's, Curry, Evercreech, Huish, Hengestridge, Hinton St. George, Kingsbury, Lovington, Lidyeard, Mudford, Marke, Okehampton, Pucklechurch, Shipham, Stogumber, Wanstrow, Wiveliscombe, Wellington, Wyke St. Lawrence, West Hatch, Whitchurch, Winsham, Winscombe, Wookey, Wraxall, Yatton, and business matters of all kinds relating to the Cathedral.

There are also eleven manumissions in the volume (which contains 128 folios) and a good Table of Contents at the beginning.

Volume E., a continuation of Vol. D. as far as A.D. 1565. It contains 155 folios, and there is a good Table of Contents at the beginning in a later hand.

fol. 1. The first entry with the marginal note "A speciall good Note to be remembred."

"Mem., that whensoever the Deane and Chapter shall suffre or susteane any prejudyce, losse, or dammage by receavyng of rent, and by receavyng of the same rent, ratyfye any Lease, that for remedy of that dammage, the saide Deane or Chaptter or there assignes, shall first entre, and in that entry, if it be in houses, to avoide the house of all maner of

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persons within the same, and yf it be in groundes to avoide the same of all and all maner of cattell in and upon the some groundes."

The three following entries are in a different hand and ink from the rest, and are out of order.

An order by the Queen addressed to Stephen Payne and the other tenants for the disposition of the revenues of Combe St. Nicholas, pending the duration of a suit about them arising from a question about the possession of the Deanery, between John Goodman, clerk, and William Turner.
Given at Westminster, Nov. 28, 3 Eliz.

Commission issued by the Queen to Matthew, Archbp. of Canterbury; Anthony Cooke, knight; Thomas Sackford, and Richard Goodriche, armiger, and Thomas Yale, D.L., to decide upon the controversy between John Goodman, clerk, and William Turner, Dean of Wells, which had been examined into also by Thomas, Archbp. of York; Alexander Nowell, Dean of S. Paul's; Thomas Davys, D.L.; and John Hales, armiger, as Commissioners. fol. 1 in dors.
Given at London, March 15, A.D. 1560.

An order by the Queen addressed to John Goodman that he forthwith, under a penalty of £1,000, vacate the Deanery, and surrender it and all the decanal property to William Turner, until the suit between the two shall have been decided.
Given at Redgrave, March 21, 3 Eliz.

Then follow two blank folios and the pageing begins again.

An Indenture between the D. & C. and R. Evans of Wells, about a tenement in "the New Work" in Wells. Oct. 8, 38 H. VIII. fol. 1.
There are a great many references in these two volumes D. and E. to this "New-work."

Manumission by the Bishop of John Butler of Kingsbury, and all his family. fol. 3.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Feb. 16, 37 H. VIII.
There are four other manumissions in this volume.

Grant by the D. & C. to John Russell, knight, Lord Privy Seal, &c., of the office of Seneschal for all their properties, "in guerris sive aliis negotiis domini nostri regis" with a salary of £4 a year, saving to William Portman and to Henry Portman, his son, all the rights they now possess as seneschals "quoad curias nostras tenenda, et alia agenda quod officium Seneschalli capitalis maneriorum, &c." fol. 3 in dors.
Given in the Chapter House, April 23, 38 H. VIII.

Grant for life with a salary of £2, to Waud H. Portman, as in the last and on the same day. fol. 4.

Grant for life by W. Rawlyns, Provost, of the office of Supervisor and Receiver of all the Manors within his jurisdiction, to his relative George Poulett, generosus, with a salary of £4 a year. fol. 4 in dors.
April 6, 37 H. VIII.

Grant to Anthony Browne, nobilis ordinis garterii miles, &c., of the office of Seneschal ad guerras, &c., for life as before granted to Lord Russell, but now with a salary of £5 a year. fol. 5.
Given on April 28, 38 H. VIII.

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fol. 6. Grant by the D. & C. to Edward, Earl of Hertford, &c., of the presentation of the Vicarage of Buckland Abbots, now vacant by the death of John Stronge, M. A.
Given on June 1, 38 H. VIII.

fol. 8 in dors. Grant by Bp. William, with the consent of the Chapter, of the next presentation of Ayshbury, to John Lord Russell, &c., to John Tregonwell, D.L., and Anthony Belassis, D.L.
Given at Wyveliscombe, July 14, A.D. 1546.

A similar grant of Whitchurch Vicarage to Thomas Lord Wriothesley, Chancellor, &c.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Sept. 6, A.D. 1546.

fol. 9. Grant by Bp. William, with the consent of the Chapter, to Geoffry Upton for life, of the office of Custodian of the Palace at Wells, and also of the prison within the palace, commonly called "the Cowe house."
He is to have charge not only of the present prisoners but of those also who shall hereafter be convicted per jura Anglie . . seu attinctendos a justiciariis domini nostri regis, seu successorum.
The Bishop is not to be charged with any expenses beyond those of ordinary years (communibus annis) hitherto; nor is he to be liable to the King if prisoners escape.
The said G. Upton is to find sureties in £300 that he will hold the Bishop harmless before the King for any default.
The said G. U. is also to have the two chambers above the prison, and another chamber in the New Work, whose door is nearest to the prison, with a small stable adjacent, and four loads of firewood from the park and two loads of hay. The salary is £13 6*s.* 0*d.*, and "tres virgat panni melioris liberature nostre" every year.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Sept. 16, A.D. 1546.

fol. 11. Grant by the Bishop, with the consent of the D. & C., of the next presentation of the Prebend of Combe XIII. to John Dakyn, the Chancellor, William Bowreman, the Sub-dean, and John Kydd, Notary.
Given at Wyveliscombe, Sept. 6, A.D. 1546.

fol. 12 in dors. Similarly G. Doygon, Precentor and Prebendary of Holcombe, grants the next presentation of that Vicarage to G. Carew, Archdn: Totton, and two others, and it is confirmed by the Chapter. A.D. 1546.

fol. 16 in dors. Licence of 5 years non-residence granted by the King, E. VI., with consent of the Duke of Somerset and the Council, to George Carew, royal chaplain Archdn: of Totton, Canon residentiary in Exeter Cathedral, and Prebendary of Barton in Wells Cathedral, with leave to reside in foreign parts, "ibidem linguarum, morum, hominum, et bonarum litterarum discendarum studio per quinquennium."
Given at Westminster, March 27, 1 E. VI.

Appointment by the Chapter of three proctors for the Convocation to be held at S. Paul's, Nov. 5. Given Oct. 29, A.D. 1547.

fol. 17. Petition to the King for licence to elect a Bishop. Oct. 29, A.D. 1547.

Letter from the King's Majestie's Commissioners

fol. 14 in dors. "To the Right Worshipfull and our veary loving Friendes the President, dignities, Archdeacons, and the Chapitour of Wells—
After our hartie comendacions.

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Where as at the suite and ernest request of the Ministers of the Churche of Excester, wee have put downe the wearing of black coopes and scapulars and amyases of clothe because it ys thought to be a kynde of monkeryc, and now entending to sett an uniforme ordere through out all our progresse; wee requyre you and yeat neverthelesse by the King's Majesties awthoritie unto us comytted, straitely charge you that ymediately uppon recept herof, all dignities, Prebendaries, and other Ministers of that Churche do surcease from using or wearing any black coope of cloth, or scapular of cloth above their surplesses. And that as well you within all churches of your peculiar jurisdiction, as also all Archdeacons, and others having ecclesiastical jurisdiction within the diocese of Wells, shall in their severall territories give comaundment unto the Churche Wardens and other the parishioners from henceforth to surcease from keping any Churche ales, because it hath byn declared unto us that many inconveniences hath come by them. Nevertheless requiring the said Churche Wardens to make yerely collections for reparation of their Churches and for sustentation of other common charges of the parish accordinglie. And that they likewise do abstain from such unmeasurable ringing for ded persons at theire buriall and at the ffeast of All Sowles. And that from hencefurthe they use to ringe oon bell at soch tyme as sicke persones lyeth in extreme daunger of death that they which he haile may be put in remembraunce of theire owne mortalitie, and also excited to praie unto God for soche their sicke neighbours, that they may pacientlie suffre death if God send it, and the hard panges thereof for Christes love who suffred much more for them, and that they may so departe out of this life in true faithe, hope, and charitie as their sowles may be afterward receaved unto eternall felicitie to raigne with Christ everlastinglie in the kingedome of heaven. And when the corps of any suche dead persons shalbe brought to the Churche to be buried then to ring also moderatlie in the time of the obsequies therof and no longer. And fardre wee desire you Mr. Dr. Creting and Mr. Smyth to take ordre for the redresse of the comperts that were delyvered unto Mr. Heth and then to certifie us what you shall doe in the same. And so we bidde you hartilie farewell. From Sarisbury the first of Novembre.

"Also that the Ministers of your churche and other persons resorting thither may upon holy daies have some holsome doctrine for their instruction declared unto theym, wee charge and in the King's Majesties name comaunde you to see that oon of the vicar's priests of that churche whome you shall thincke mooste fytte for that purpose doe reade every holy daie openlie, plainlie, and distinctely in the quier ymediatlie after the offertory of the high masse oon of the homelies in ordre as they stande in the booke, which his highness hath sett furth for thinstruction of his people. And that you do punish soche as shall other negligentlie reade theym, or that shall refuse to do their duetie herin by reteigning of their wages and stipend untill such tyme as they have doen their duetie in that behalf. Your loving frends William May, Symon Heynes, Walter Buclour, Thomas Tottsford."

"To the right worshipfull the President and the Chapitre of Wells.

"After our right hartie commendations.

"Where as it hath byn credibly declared unto us that for dyverse good and honest respects it shuld be more commodious both for the reader of the divinitie lecture there and also for his auditours that the tyme of the reading thereof shuld be altered and chaunged ffrom thafter none unto the morning. Wherefore by the vertue of our commission wee take this ordre that from hencefurthe the same Lecture shalbe had in the quyer of Our Layde Chapell immediatlie before high masse. And that it may be

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the more convenientlie so done, ye shall upon the reading daies omitte and leave out the pryme and the houres any other formour Injunction or commaundment to the contrarie gyven notwithstanding. And theis we moost hartelie bydde you farewell. Ffrom London, the 9 daie of December, your loving Frends, William Mey, Simon Heynes."

fol. 18. Mandate of the king, E. VI., for the installation of the Dean.

The late Dean Fitzwilliam having made a complete surrender of the Deanery into his hands, the King now by virtue of the Act of the present Parliament, reconstitutes it, and in the exercise of his rights as patron appoints John Goodman, assigns to him the canonical house lately occupied by John Dakyn, and orders the Chapter to install him.

Given on Jan. 7, 1 E. VI.

Letters patent for the translation of the Bishop of S. David's to Wells.

Inasmuch as by an Act of the Parliament commencing Nov. 4, 1 E. VI., it was ordered that no "conge deslyer" be henceforth issued for the election of Archbp. or Bishop to any Dean and Chapter, but that the King should appoint by letters patent, &c., &c., the King now translates William, Bp. of St. David's to Wells, having chosen him not only for his singular learning, but also upon the principle that he who has been faithful in a little should be promoted to greater things. The said William is to hold the bishoprick "durante vita naturali una cum omnibus . . possessionibus, &c., &c., tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus."

Given at Westminster, Feb. 3, 2 E. VI.

fol. 19 in dors. Indenture between the Bishop and Sir Nicholas Poyntz about the Manor of Pucklechurch. June 1.

Confirmed by the Chapter, June 16, A.D. 1548.

fol. 21 in dors. Indenture between the Bishop, and the High and Mighty Prince Edward, Duke of Somerset, &c., &c. The Bishop "as well for great somes of money to him beforehand paid by the said Duke, as for diverse other great considerations him moving, and by the licence of our Soveraigne Lord the King under his Great Seale of England, &c. . . hath sold unto the said Duke, &c., his manors of Banwell, Wells, Chew, Blackford, Wellyngton, Cranemere, and Evercreche, and his burgh of Wellyngton, and also his Hundreds of Wells and Wells Forum, Wynterstoke and Chew. And also his parks of Wells, Banwell and Evercrech.

Also all his rights and jurisdictions, &c. in all those his manors in Somerset, &c., &c.

Made on July 12, 2 E. VI.

Confirmed by the Chapter, January 10. 2 E. VI., A.D. 1548.

fol. 25. Indenture between the Duke of Somerset and the Bishop, by which the Bp. sells to the Duke his manor of Wokey. Feb. 4. 3 E. VI.

Confirmed by the Chapter. May 17, A.D. 1549.

fol. 32 in dors. Letters patent of the President and Chapter.

Inasmuch as by Act of Parliament, 1 E. VI. a new Deanery was established at Wells, and the Deans of earlier date enjoyed only the quotidians of one Canon resident, and that only during the Dean's 8 months of residence, which quotidians were 16*d.* a day, but the said Act allots to the Dean the quotidians of the Dean, of the Archdn: of Wells, and of the Prebendary of Curry, which quotidians are 3*s.* 4*d.* by the day, viz., 1*s.* 4*d.* for the Dean, 1*s.* 4*d.* for the Archdn. and 8*d.* for the Prebendary, to enjoy as well when absent as when resident; which Act was passed without the knowledge of the Chapter and to their great

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detriment, they now appoint three of the Canons residentiary, George Carew, George Dogeon and Walter Cretyng, to petition the King, Council, Lords and Commons at this time assembled for the redress of the said grant of three quotidians to the Dean.
Dated Nov. 20, 3 E. VI.

The petition of the Chapter. fol. 33 in dors.
In it they complain that the Act of 1 E. VI. was procured by the Dean John Goodman and his friends without the knowledge of the Chapter. That over and above the aforesaid quotidians, the Deanery is endowed with the Archdeaconry, Sub-chantership and Prebend of Curry and also with the Provostship.
That the quotidians come out of the Canons' portions so that they can no longer "keep such hospitality to the reliefe of the poore as in time past hath always been used."

Confirmation by the Chapter of the grant made by Bp. William to King E. VI. of the manors of Congresbury and Yatton. fol. 34 in dors.
Given March 1, 3 E. VI.

Indenture between the Duke of Somerset and the Bishop, by which the Bishop sells to the Duke the Palace at Wells, and also his manors of Wells and Westbury, and the Hundred of Wells, the park at Westbury and all manner of wild beasts in it, and all its appurtenances, &c. fol. 44.
In consideration of all this, the said Duke is pleased to pay to the said Bishop the sum of £400, and grant to him all that his mansion commonly called the Dean's House of Wells, and also his manor of West Coker with advowson of the Church there, and the Hundred of West Coker, and the boroughs of Stogursey and Wellington, with certain lands worth £60 2*s*. 11½*d*. a year [a long list of tenants], and the park of Wedmore, and the Church and Chapel and Vicarage of Mark; also an annuity of £17 arising from the manor of Glastonbury, &c. &c.
Made on Dec. 10, 4 E. VI.
Confirmed by the D. & C. Dec. 29, A.D. 1550.

Some additions to the above Indenture. fol. 47.

A letter from Mr. Dakyn to the Chapter of Wells. fol. 48.
Is informed that his singuler frynde Mr. Dr. Turnour is appointed by the King to be Dean of Wells; that he has not a convenient house and wishes to have his house now in the occupation of Mr. Goodman: that he had let Mr. Goodman have it when he was promoted to the Deanery, at the intervention of Sir J. Thynne, and that if the said Mr. Goodman is removed from the said office, he is willing to surrender all his own rights therein to Mr. Turner if he becomes Dean. Feb. 22, A.D. 1550.

Mandate of the King, E. VI. to the Chapter to install Dr. Turner in the place of Dean Goodman who has vacated office by taking the Prebend of Wyveliscombe in addition to his other preferments. March 24, 5 E. VI. fol. 48 in dors.

Dispensation from residence without loss of emoluments granted by the King to Dean Turner whenever he may be occupied in preaching the gospel in any part of the Kingdom. April 10, 5 E. VI.

Dispensation from residence in any of his preferments granted for life by the King to George Carew, Royal Chaplain, Precentor of Exeter, &c. &c. fol. 50.
Given at (Lieghes?) June 6, 5 E. VI.

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Charter of the sale by W. Thynne, prebendary of Dultingcote of the manor there to the Duke of Somerset, with the royal licence. May 13, 5 E. VI.

fol. 52 in dors. Confirmed by the Bishop and by the Chapter.

fol. 52. The royal licence for the above transaction, allowing the Duke to give to W. Thynne his manor of Tinghurst or Finghurst in Buckingham.

Given at Westminster, May 10, 5 E. VI.

"Hanc licentiam predictam reperies semper in promptu in Cancellaria dni nostri regis."

P. BEAUMONT.

fol. 55. Another deed about the Exchange of Dultingcote and Tinghurst.

fol. 57 in dors. The Grant by the Bishop with the consent of the Chapter of the next presentation of the Treasureship, to William Barloo, citisen of Wells; Rd. Meryke Bodgorgyn of Anglesey; Celco Barret of Goleeswyke, in Pembroke; Hugh Rowland, clerk, and Francis Barret. April 13, A.D. 1551.

fol. 59 in dors. The Archdeaconry of Taunton treated similarly. Dec. 21, A.D. 1551.

fol. 65 in dors. Indenture between the Bishop and the Chapter and Sir John Gate vice-chamberlain to the King and Captain of the Guard.

The said Bp. and Chapter "at the contemplation of our soveraigne lord the King's Majesties most gracious letters to us dyrected, &c. . . . grant to the said Sir John Gate the Chapel . . by the Cloyster on the southe side of the said Cathedral Church, commonly called the Ladye Chappell, with all the stones and stone work, ledds, glasse & tymber, iron, &c. . . . the soyle that the said chappel standeth upon only excepted . . The said Sir J. Gate covenanteth to rydde the ground . . not only of such stone, ledde, &c., but of all rubble . . . and make the ground fair and plane within the space of foure years and a quarter next ensuing, &c."

Signed June 21, 6 E. VI.

The original document is in the Cathedral Library. No. 773.

fol. 66. A commission appointed by the Chapter to examine the accounts of J. Goodman, Canon residentiary, lately Dean. Sept. 12, 6 E. VI.

fol. 66 in dors. The Chapter to Sir J. Baker, Chancellor.

When the Bp., W. Knight, died in Oct., 1 E. VI., and the see remained vacant until Christmas and longer the duty of collecting tithes, &c., fell upon the Chapter on behalf of the King by virtue of the Act of Parliament. They were not able to collect a sum of £180, due upon the Bishopric because all the revenues were in the King's hands during that vacancy, and there was no Bishop from whom to obtain it. They pray therefore for an acquittance. Nov. 22, 6 E. VI.

Proctors for Parliament and Convocation are appointed on Feb. 8, A.D. 1552.

fol. 67. Sale by the Bishop of the manor of Wooky to the King. Feb. 4, 6 E. VI.

Confirmed by the Chapter.

fol. 69 in dors. Commission issued by the Chapter, acting during the vacancy of the see caused by the resignation of Bp. William, to Thomas Morren,

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gentleman of Galhampton, their sub-collector, to collect the 2*s*. in the pound due the first of Oct. out of the 6*s*. in the pound granted to the crown upon all ecclesiastical benefices (the perpetual tenth deducted) by the Parliament of March 7th–31st, 7 E. VI., and payable in three years.

Given Oct. 4, A.D. 1553.

Grant by Dean John Goodman to Humphry Walrond of See in Somerset, of the office of Woodward in the forest of Roche in the same county. fol. 70 in dors.

"Per me Johannem Goodman, Decanum Wellen."

March 6, 1 Mary.

This is first time since his deprivation that J. Goodman appears as Dean.

The office of Seneschal granted by the Chapter to Sir Edward Hastyngs, Master of the Horse, and Privy Councellor. May 4, 1 Mary. fol. 71 in dors.

Petition of the Chapter to the Queen for leave to elect a Bishop, the see being now vacant de jure et de facto. fol. 72.

They ask "Ne nostri prorsus officii immemores videamur, ritum laudabilem in hujusmodi negotio hactenus haberi solito observantes" for the licence "que admodum ex statuto parliamenti auctoritate insignis patris vestri . . anno regni XXV°."

Given Jan. 25. A.D. 1553, 1 Mary.

Letters patent granting the petition.

The see is vacant "per liberam et spontaneam resignationem in manus nostras ultimi episcopi."

Given at Westminster, March 13, 1 Mary.

Grant by Bp. Gilbert, with the consent of the Chapter, of the next presentation of the Archdeaconry of Taunton, to John Bp: of Lincoln, Sir T. White, and John White, citizen of London. Nov. 2, A.D. 1554. fol. 76 in dors.

The D. & C. grant the wardship of Thomas son of Anthony Norton the late holder of half the manor of Stathe by military tenure, to William Lyte of Lylesdon, armiger, for £20. Feb. 22, 7 E. VI. fol. 78.

Manumission by Bp. Gilbert of Nicholas Hawkyns of Banwell, and Thomas and John, senior, John, medius, and John Hawkyns, junior, nativi. Jan. 12, A.D. 1556. fol. 104.

After fol. 105, there are two fols. blank, and the entries begin again with another fol. 105.

The entries on fol. 105, &c., are one about Wooky, dated Aug. 24, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary.

A bond by W. Goodman, gent. of Wells to the sub-dean for £40. Dated Jan. 31, 6 E. VI.

A new Register begins with the year A.D. 1559. fol. 105 in dors.

The office of seneschal in guerris granted by the D. & C. to Richard Dennys, armiger, &c. Dec. 10, 1 Eliz. fol. 108.

Grant by Bp. Gilbert of the next presentation of S. Decuman's, Prebend, to Rt. Hutchings and W. Grylle. Aug. 31, A.D. 1554. fol. 110 in dors.

Confirmed by the Chapter on July 5, A.D. 1558.

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There are 10 similar grants of next presentations in the next 14 folios.

fol. 124. Congé d'Elire issued Jan^ry 11. 2 Eliz.

Certificate by the Chapter (the Dean being absent) of their choice on the 29 of Jany of Gilbert Barkley in the room of Gilbert Bourne deprived. Given on Jan^ry 30, A.D. 1559.

fol. 129. The appeal or protestation made John Goodman, (Dean as he asserts of Wells) June 19, A.D. 1560, in the house of William Say, notary, at the western corner of the lane commonly called Pater Noster Row, in the parish of Christ Church, London.

He protests against the decision of a Commission consisting of Matthew, Archbp. Cant.; Anthony Cooke, Knight; William May; Thomas Sackford; Richard Goodrick and Thomas Yale; Legum Doctores; in the suit brought by William Turner for the restitution to himself of the office of Dean of Wells; on the ground of irregularities in the proceedings.

His protest is given at full length on 1½ folios.

fol. 130 in dors. Order by the Queen for the restoration of William Turner.

The case had been heard in the house of Richard Goodricke, near Fleet Street, and the order is sealed on June 18, 2 Eliz.

fol. 131 in dors. A pension of £20 given by the D. & C. to George Carew, in consideration of his relinquishment of his residence and all his revenues and advantages as a Canon of Wells. Feb. 17, 2 Eliz.

fol. 132. An Inspeximus and Confirmation by Queen Elizabeth of the Letters patent of E. VI. granting to Dean W. Turner, dispensation from residence with receipt of full allowances, whenever he is engaged in preaching the gospel, &c.

Given July 20, 2 Eliz.

fol. 132 in dors. Collation by Matthew, Archbp. Cant, patron of pro hâc vice, of Gilbert Barkley, Bp. of B. & W. to the office of Chancellor in Wells Cathedral. "Tibi qui (ut asseris) in hac parte sufficienter qualificatus existis, pro status tui juxta pontificalis dignitatis exigentiam meliore et uberiore sustentatione, durante vita tuâ, &c."

Given at Lambehithe, Aug. 27, A.D. 1560.

fol. 134 in dors. Appointment by the Bp. of W. Lancaster and Rd. Snow to be Registrars. Nov. 3, A.D. 1558.

From this date the capital letters become elaborate and ornamental.

fol. 136 in dors. Grant by Bp. Gilbert Barkley, of the next presentation of the Chancellorship of Wells, and of the Rectory of Kingsbury united to it, to Roger Legge and Robert Lawgham, with the provision that R. Legge may be presented to it, but if a vacancy does not fall until after R. Legge's death, then it reverts to the Bishop.

Confirmed by the Chapter. Sept. 31, A.D. 1561.

fol. 155. Appointment by the D. & C. of Thomas Bailie, Treasurer; and John Cotterel, Archdn: of Wells; to hear all matrimonial causes, &c., within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, in North Cury, Cheddar, Longe Sutton, Lidiard Ep^i, Combe St. Nicholas, Winsham, Lovington, and South Barowe. Oct. 4, A.D. 1565.

The last entry in this volume.

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Besides the entries noted above, there are many more concerning the parishes of Allerton, Banwell, Barton St. David's, Bicknoller, Burnham, Buckland, Cheddar, Congresbury, Charde, Compton Dundon, Curry, Dinder, Dulverton, Dulcote, Holcombe, Haselbeere, Huish, Ilton, Kingsbury, Laverton, Litton, Lidyeard Ep^i, Lovington, Martock, Mudford, North Curry, Pennard, Pucklechurch, Shipham, South Barrow, Stanton Prew, Stogumber, Tymberscombe, Wellington, West Hatch, Wedmore, Westmeere, Weston Zoyland, Westbury, West Coker, Whitchurch, Winscombe, Winsham, Wiveliscombe, Wooky, Yatton. Many appointments to offices in connexion with the Cathedral, and many leases of Rectories, Tithes, and Lands, &c.

Liber actorum coram venerabilibus viris decano et capitulo ecclesiæ Cathedralis Wellen in domo capitulari expedit: incipiens A.D. 1571°, tempore Johannis Dane notarii publici actorum hujusmodi scribæ et clerici capitularis usque ad mensem Maii 1599. Marked H.

The first entry. March 3, 1571. fol. 1.
Admission of Mr. John Rugge to be a canon residentiary.

March 4. The Chapter casts lots as usual for the apportionment among themselves of the Chapter patronage.

April 24. John Rugge, Archdn: of Wells; Awdriam Hawthorne, the Chancellor; Philip Bisse, the Subdean; and Walter Bower, Canon residentiary; were chosen as the proctors of the D. & C. for the Convocation to be held at St. Paul's on May 9.

Confirmation by the D. & C. of an annuity of 20 marcs granted by Bp. Gilbert to Hugh Pawlet, miles, and Amisus Pawlet, armiger. fol. 1 in dors.

The Chapter decree "that the plate that before time were used to superstition shalbe defaced, and of the greatest Challaice shalbe made a fayer Communion cuppe with as muche convenient speede as maye be before the ffeaste of Easter, and of the lesser Challaice another by the tyme before limited." Nov. 19, A.D. 1572. fol. 2.

Grant by the Chapter to Bp. Gilbert of £12 a year, for the term of his Episcopate under the name of quotidians. March 11, A.D. 1572. fol. 2 in dors.

A.D. 1573. Sept. 30. The Chapter, as also each year at this time, appoint their officers for the ensuing year.

On the same day John Mullins appeared before the Chapter and agreed to relinquish all claim to certain lands in Whitechurch, "if it be confessed and found by thomadge of Whitechurche or by the moste parte of them that Robarte Warram was at any time heretofore taken and sworne tenaunte to the grounde, &c." fol. 3.

Deprivation of a Vicar Choral. June 2, A.D. 1574. fol. 3 in dors.

The above penalty remitted on the vicar's supplication. June 3, A.D. 1574. fol. 4.

The Chapter decree that the office of Seneschal shall not be held for more than two years by the same person. July 1.

Annual appointment of officers. Sept. 30. fol. 4 in dors.

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Decree of the Chapter "Quod si aliquis vicariorum frequentaverit urbem et usus fuerit ibidem joca illicita, viz pila palmaria, et alia ejusmodi," he shall be suspended and forfeit his allowances for one week for the first offence; for a fortnight for the second offence; for a month for the third; and after that may be expelled for a further offence; "quia per frequentationem vicariorum jocarum illicitarum scandalum crescit ecclesiæ." Dec. 1, A.D. 1574.

fol. 5 in dors. John Amerye is called upon to show cause before the Chapter, why he should not be expelled for having struck with a dagger one of the brethren in the cemetery of the Cathedral. He answers that he is not a vicar choral and not under the Chapter's jurisdiction, and therefore he is dismissed and leaves the Cathedral at once. Jan. 20, A.D. 1574.

Upon April 1, A.D. 1575, "My lorde Bishoppe being moved by Mr. Bisse and Mr. Bowes in the preasance of the residue of the Chapter to geve his resolute awnswere concerninge the determination of the lordes of the Counsell to gratyfye the lorde Seymer in one of these three, viz. eyther to make the lease of the manner of Buckland worthe one thousand markes unto the said Lorde Seymer, or ells to geve him one hundreth pounds by the yere out of the manner of Banwell for the terme of xxi yeres, or ells to graunte the whole manner reserving to him and his successors fiftye pounds yerelye over and above the rente allready reserved, made awnswere that he woulde doe no otherwyse then allreadye he had donne, for that he had therin both satisfied her Majestie's letters and allso the lordes of the Counsell."

fol. 6. The Annual appointments. Sept. 30, A.D. 1575.

fol. 6 in dors. The Chancellor is ordered by the Chapter to collect together the books of registers belonging to them, and John Rugge, Archdn: of Wells, late Chapter Clerk, is to give up those in his possession. Oct. 1.

The Members of the Chapter give their opinions separately, upon the case of Mr. Newton. Mr. J. Rugge and Mr. W. Austin say "that forasmuche as there was read in the Chapter by Mr. Philip Bisse, Subdean, an acte whereby Mr. Carewe was admitted into residence by letters of recommendation from King Henrye the Eighte to the Dean and Chapter directed, they thinke that it is in dewtye belonginge to the Chapter, yeven soe to think of Mr. Newton being likewise recommended by the Queen's Magestie."

fol. 7. Mr. P. Bisse; Adrian Hawthorne; Th. Baylye; and Walter Bower "do saye they will deliberat for his admission untill it be knowen or considered what efficacye or force the statute of Kinge Henrye the Eighte, of famouse memorye, is touchinge that matter. And further forasmuch as Mr. Jurye and Mr. FitzJames were admitted accordinge to the saide statute, as appeareth by the severall acts of their admission, they thinke that Mr. Carewe beinge admitted shortlye after them, and recommended to the Chapter by the King's letters, the Chapter was dispenside withall touchynge that statute made to the contrarye in that behalf, and therefore they doe still thinke that the saide statute doth stand and remaine in his full force and strength, and that they stand bounde by othe to observe the same."

They all agree that "towchinge Mr. Secretarye Wallsingeham his letters, that it is requisite that his honour's said letters be answered." Oct. 24.

On Dec. 26 the Chapter determine that Mr. Secretary Walsingham's letters shall be answered with as much expedition as may be, and Mr.

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Newton referred to the answer which they have sent to the Queen and to the Secretary, "and further they thinke the Chapter was dispensed withall towchyng thadmission of Mr. Carew."

They also determine that no canons resident shall be admitted until this question is settled, and further because "We have an injunction from my Lorde of Bath that we shall not have above the number of eight Residents, which is not dissolved, &c."

On Jan. 21 Mr. Sampson Newton is admitted into residence in obedience to the royal mandate, or payment of 100 marcs caution money. fol. 7 in dors.

On April 2, A.D. 1576, Langham, a vicar, is suspended for one month, and if at the end of that time he does not acknowledge his faults with promise of amendment before the Chapter and ask the company forgiveness upon his knees immediately after the first lesson in the middle of the choir, he shall be utterly expulsed. fol. 8.

On Feb. 23, A.D. 1576, a protest (not recited here) is received in Chapter from Dean Valentine Dale. fol. 9.

On Dec. 19, A.D. 1578, a vicar is admonished not to leave the Cathedral and repair to S. Cuthbert's, but to give his services to the Cathedral. fol. 11 in dors.

On April 2, A.D. 1582, ten wainloads of freestone given to Bartholomew Hagget out of the Camery. fol. 18 in dors.

On August 29, A.D. 1582, the proctor of Mr. J. Baker sought for absolution from a sentence of excommunication and on his personal petition it is granted. fol. 19 in dors.

On Sept. 5 a similar case.

On Oct. 1 the Chapter give to four men (named) "the benefit of the loane of the several ten pounds that is this year in their disposition." Such loans are made each year.

Several regulations about discipline among the vicars. fol. 20.

On Feb. 20, A.D. 1582, it is objected to the "skolemaster of the Gramer skoole of Wells, that he did carrye with him the children of the Grammer skoole and the Choristers of the said Cathedral Churche unto Axebridge to playe in the parish church theare, the which hee confessed. That thearefore the said Skoolemaster the nexte Chapter daye shall come into the Chapter house before the Deane and Chapter, viz., primo Aprilis prox., and submitt himself to the Chapter in that behalf. And shall farther nomine pene pecuniarie paye unto xxiiii of the poore people of the Almshouse 2*s*., viz., to each of them 1*d*. before the next Chapter day and shall ther certify the same." fol. 20 in dors.

On July 1, A.D. 1583, the Chapter cast lots, "vulgariter nuncupatus Balle" for the apportionment of patronage. fol. 21 in dors.

There are many similar entries and the result is given in each case.

On the same day the Chapter decreed "that in respecte that diverse of the Canons Residentiaries . . . are some time of the yeare absente from Wells, by reason whereof the clarks of the same Cath: Church are not satisfied of their meate and drinke in the absence. It is thearfore decreed that they the saide clarkes shall receave yearelye of the Deane fol. 22.

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and Chapter by the hand of their Communar . . . xvi*s.*, viii*d.*, a peece to be paid at the end of every six weekes pro portionibus."

fol. 22 in dors. On Sept. 30 a loan of £10 each for two years to two men.

On the same day a sum of 20*s.* given to the collector of the town of Hastings.

fol. 26. On August 5, A.D. 1584, the royal licence to proceed to the Election of a Bishop received.

fol. 28 in dors. On Jan. 2 it is ordered that "one brace of fatt bucks of this next season to be delivered and divided to and amongst those Canons resident which are now present in Chapter, viz., Mr. Bisse, Mr. Austin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Saunders."

fol. 29. On Jan. 16 there is granted to Dr. Bysse, Dr. Cottyngton, and Mr. Powell, so many days of grace sine fructu, as the Parliament shall continue this next sessions, and six days more in coming and going.

fol. 32. Oct. 28, A.D. 1585. Note of a controversy between the Dean and the Chapter, and an order made that henceforth no allowances shall be given to the Dean otherwise than as he shall keep his residence.

fol. 33 in dors. On April 1, A.D. 1586, the Sacrist is removed from office for negligence, in that he had left the keys of the treasury for several days in the Clockhouse, whither others do commonly resort, and that so the treasury had been robbed of the Chapter seal and other plate.

fol. 34. On May 25 it is ordered that no more stones be given or sold out of the Camery. They are to be used only for the repairs of the Cathedral and canonical houses.

fol. 34 in dors. Provision of a new Chapter seal.

fol. 40. On March 1, A.D. 1586. It is objected to William Gale that in spite of the order "That hee shoulde from henceforth better behave himself in his demeanour in amendmente of his lose and lycentiouse life, nihilominus prefatus Gale did openlie in disguised order, in the companie of others goe in a maske with a visarde uppon his face into the parishe of Pilton and from thence to Croscombe, to the evil example of others servinge in the the same Church. Quam quidem objectionem dictus Gale fassus est esse veram, &c," and it is ordered "that hee goe presentlie to the Canon barne and theare continue in fasting and prayer untill hee weare by the Deane and Chapter againe remitted. And then, viz., primo die Aprilis prox. hee shall come into the Chapter house and openlie uppon his knees confesse his fault before the Chapter and aske them forgiveness. And soe the next Sundaie then followinge openlie in the quier make his repayer to every of the Masters severaillie and crave forgiveness at their hands. And after he shall goe to everie of the vicars chorall and clarkes of the same Cathedral Church in the quire at service time and will them all to take example by him."

On April 1, A.D. 1587, because Mr. Paul Methuen, prebendary of Combe XI. has as much as in him lieth defrauded the Cathedral Church and Choristers of their revenues, all capitular acts hitherto in his favour are revoked.

At the same time Mr. Francis Godwyn having produced a dispensation by the Bishop from the order made limiting the number of Canons residentiary, is admitted.

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April 3, A.D. 1587. St. Cuthbert's Vicarage, Wells, is sequestrated for arrears of pension due to the D. & C.

On the same day it is ordered that all the Canons residentiary shall minister the Communion in their own persons once every year in the Cathedral; and that the monethlie Communions shalbe allwaies ministered by a Chanon residente, if anie one bee present within the towne at that time. And that hee whiche shall soe minister shall likewise execute the whole service for that fore none. And this to bee done sub penâ per capitulum infligendâ. And the hebdomadarius for that weeke shall assiste the Chanon in his ministratione." fol. 41.

May 3. Dr. Powell is directed "to take order for the placing and settling of the great bell . . . . in such manner as to him shalbee thoughte conveniente, &c." "The fragments of mettall remaining of the bell to be sold . . towards the use of the Church." fol. 42.

July 1. It is decreed "That in respect that the Choristers shall from henceforth remayne at home the usuall festivall dayes, shall have allowed them quarterlie xx*s*. to be paid by the communar." fol. 42 in dors.

Sept. 23. The decree touching the payment of the Dean's quotidians, on fol. 32, is annulled. fol. 43.

Feb. 16, A.D. 1587. An agreement between Dr. Powell and the bell-founder, Joseph Carter, of Reding, touching the new casting of the great bell, "Horwēll," is confirmed. fol. 46.

On Jan. 2, A.D. 1588. John Hulett, a vicar choral, sought permission to reside at Court in obedience to an appointment made by the Council of the Queen. The Chapter offer him an additional stipend of 40*s*. a year to remain in residence at Wells. But if he determines to attend on Her Majesty's service in the Courte, they will continue to him his present stipend if he will give to the Church of Wells whatever time he may not be engaged at Court. fol. 50 in dors.

On May 21, A.D. 1589. A visitation was held by the Chapter. fol. 52.

Jan. 29, A.D. 1590. The installation of Dean John Herbert. fol. 58.

June 27. Certain of the vicars choral protest that they do not join in the attempt of others of their body to separate themselves from the body of the Dean and Chapter, and form themselves into a "perticular bodie contrarie to their severall othes at their admission." fol. 61 in dors.

Fols. 67–71 from Dec. 20, A.D. 1590, to Aug. 20, A.D. 1591, have been cut out.

On Sept. 2, A.D. 1591. In answer to letters from the Archbp. of Canterbury the Chapter state that fol. 72.

1°. Three parts of the parsonage of Crewkerne are impropriated to the D. & C. of Winchester, and that they therefore ought to pay any benevolence.
2°. That there are no exors. of the Will of the late Bishop Thomas of Bath and Wells.
3°. That no commission to collect a benevolence has been received by the Chapter of Wells.

On Dec. 23, A.D. 1591. A sentence of excommunication against Mr. W. Mosley, is read in the Chapter. fol. 73 in dors.

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On Jan. 3. A similar sentence against Justinian Lancaster, prebendary of Wanstrow. From this time there are many similar entries.

fol. 74. On May 4, A.D. 1591. All the prebendaries are cited to appear.

fol. 75. On Jan. 14, A.D. 1591, it is decreed "That the Consistorie for the Busshopp of Bath and Welles shall not hereafter be any more kept within Our Ladie Chappell, nor within any other part of the Cathedral Church."

On Feb. 18 it is ordered that the "Chancellor may keep his court within the same place [the Ladye Chappell] for this one time and no longer."

fol. 77. On April 3, A.D. 1592. It is ordered that the Consistory Court be removed "ad campanile (Anglice the belfrye) . . ad partem aquilonarem . . secundum tenorem litterarum a Rev^do . . . Johanne Cantuar: Archiep.

fol. 79 in dors. On June 16. Mr. Cadwallader Hughes sought for confirmation of his appointment by the aldermen of that town of preacher in the parish church of Bridgwater.

fol. 80 in dors. July 3, A.D. 1592, it is ordered "that every Canon resident ether preaching in his owne course or for anie other dignitie or prebendarie in his course shall upon everie such preachinge daye, Sondaie, or other festivall daie, preach in his surplies and whoodd, and yf he shall otherwise doe, then he shall forfeit for everie such defaulte fortie shillings, &c." . . . And the penaltie of ten shillings in like sorte to be imposed upon everie Canon resident for the omitting of the mynistering the holie communion in his course."

fol. 81. On July 17, Henry Attwood sought confirmation of his appointment of "ludimagister oppidi" by the Aldermen, &c., of Bridgwater.

fol. 87. On Dec. 25 the appointment by the Aldermen of Bridgwater of Henry Wills as curate or minister of the parish church is confirmed.

fol. 88. Jan. 3. It is ordered that the new letters patent be engrossed.

On the same day "That the master of the ffabrick of this church shall have auctoritie to remove the communion table into such convenient place in the quier as it shall be most decent and comely for the same, and to be inclosed with railes as shall seem best to hym."

fol. 88 in dors. Jan. 30, A.D. 1592. The process of election of Bp. John Still.

fol. 89 in dors. Feb. 6. Dr. Powell is empowered to contribute on behalf of the Chapter a reasonable sum for the building of Reading Church.

fol. 90. Feb. 19. The installation and enthronization of Bishop Still.

fol. 91 in dors. April 2, A.D. 1593. The Wardship of Dorothy Smith of Trull, a minor, granted to J. Northover of Aller.

fol. 93. There are many disciplinary entries in this part of the book.

fol. 95. Jan. 22, A.D. 1593. The "White Book containing in it the records and the originals of the Cathedral Church of Wells wrapped up in canvas and sealed with the seals of Mr. Cottingham and Mr. Bisse was delivered unto Mr. Earle, prebendary of Litton, to be safely carried to London by hym and there to be delivered to Mr. Cottington that so much of the contents of the saide book shalbe by Mr. Cottington shewed unto

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Mr. Earle his counsayle as shall any way concerne the state of his said prebend of Litton, and afterwards to be inclosed again in canvas, and sealed with the seal of the said Mr. Cottington, and to be brought safely unto the Deane and Chapter by the first day of March next."

June 17, A.D. 1594. A special concession made that the Bishop may hold his general visitation for this part of the diocese in the Chapter House. fol. 97.

July 2. This day the agreement was made with the bell-founder. fol. 98.

Sept. 30. The controversy between the Chapter and the vicars is referred to the decision of the Bishop. fol. 99.

On the same day 20*s.* is given to the Chapter tenants of Congresbury "concerning the defence of their common."

Dec. 9. The book called Album Registrum is returned by Dr. Cottington; and all records in the hands of any of the Chapter are to be returned by Jan. 2. fol. 100.

On Oct. 1, A.D. 1595, it is ordered "That Hugh Ing sacrist shall take away all the seat newly built and sett in the quier by Monday next following sub pœna amotionis ab officio. fol. 103 in dors.

On Oct. 4 an extension of time until Oct. 26 is granted to H. Ing.

June 15. A.D. 1595. Dr. P. Bisse and Dr. Powell appointed to appear before the Lords of the Council in the controversy between the Chapter and the vicars. fol. 104.

Jan. 29. The Dean and the two above-named canons are appointed upon the same business.

On Oct. 1, A.D. 1596, the vicars choral appear before the Chapter and gave their consent "touching the Mountire, viz., the everie canon resident of this church shall upon his death pay out of his divident and arrerages for and in consideration of his mountire six pounds . . . and 13*s.* 4*d.* for the cheator for the bridle and saddle." fol. 108 in dors.

On the same day the vicars are admonished to receive the Communion at least 3 times a year.

July 1, A.D. 1597. Roger Weichell of Fifett, tanner, to have timber to build up the prison at North Curry and to have a lease of the prison-house for 21 years, paying the usual rent and keeping it in repair. fol. 111 in dors.

Oct. 7. A.D. 1597. Mandate of the Bishop to the Chapter to elect proctors for the Convocation to be held on Oct. 25. fol. 112 in dors.

Jan. 2, A.D. 1597. The farmer of the parsonage of Buckland in Dorset has leave to pull down the parsonage house and build a handsome sufficient new one. fol. 113.

On the same day an ancient order, that no canon resident is to receive into his service man or maid servant of any other canon without his especial consent, is renewed. fol. 113 in dors.

On April 2, A.D. 1599. A lease of all the fowling in the hundred North Curry, granted to Hugh Portman, miles, for 21 years at a rent of 4*d.* a year, reserving to the Dean and Chapter the right of hawking and fowling there, when it shall please any of them so to do. fol. 121.

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fol. 121 in dors.

April 3. It is ordered that 20*s.* be given every month to the collectors for the poor of Wells.

The last few pages are loose and some have disappeared.

Another volume of Chapter Acts containing 215 folios, from the year A.D. 1591–1607.

By far the great majority of the entries relate to the ordinary proceedings of the Chapter, such as Presentations to Benefices, Installations of Prebendaries, &c., Appointment of Vicars Choral, &c. &c., and correction of irregularities and offences among the Prebendaries and Vicars Choral.

Many of the entries are the same as in the last volume where the years overlap.

fol. 7.

A list of fees payable.

Pro inthronizatione Ep[i] Bathon et Wellen et pro Certificatorio super ejus electione, Presidenti Capituli £2, Clerico Capitulari £2, Sacrista £4, Choristis 4*s.*

Pro Installatione alicujus in dignitatem, to the same persons as above 13*s.* 4*d.*, 6*d.*, 8*d.*, 26*s.* 8*d.*, 2*s.* 8*d.*

Pro Installatione in Præbendam, to the same persons, 6*s.* 8*d.*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, 13*s.* 4*d.*, 6*d.*

Pro instrumento super qualibet Installatione, Presidenti Capituli 6*s.* 8*d.*; Clerico Capitulari 3*s.* 4*d.*; cera 4*d.*

fol. 60.

A certain woman is ordered to do penance for three consecutive Sundays, standing in the Cathedral in a white sheet and holding a white rod in her hand, without any hat on her head or muffler on her face, she shall stand before the place where the sermon is usually preached from the time of the reading of the second chapter in the fore noon until the end of the divine service, and after that the minister hath read the Epistle and Gospel she shall openly confesse her fault and say that she hath offended God with her lewd life, and hath showed an evil example to the inhabitants within the Liberty of the said church and to the rest of the town of Wells. And showing herself sorry for her offence upon her knees shall ask God forgiveness and the congregation, and then say the Lord's Prayer.

Dec. 4, A.D. 1593.

fol. 105.

A similar penance laid upon James Hayward with the addition that he stand in a white sheet and with a white rod in his hand in the Market place at the High Cross on Saturday from 11 o'clock to 1, and openly confess his fault, and show himself sorrowful for it, &c. March 4, A.D. 1593.

fol. 106.

April 14, A.D. 1597. Prebendary W. Moseley prayed for absolution from a sentence of excommunication incurred by "not keeping his course in preaching . . according to Her Majestie's injunctions in that behalf provided."

fol. 108.

May 18, A.D. 1597. Chancellor Rogers is cited to read the Divinity Lecture or provide a deputy "juxta injunctiones regias alterasque ordinationes hujus ecclesiæ."

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Oct. 6, A.D. 1598. It is ordered that the choristers shall no longer come to any canons house at any meal, and in lieu of this shall be paid £5 a year. fol. 120 in dors.

Oct. 12. A.D. 1598. A lease of the Calamynt Stones and Lead ores in Winscombe. fol. 125 in dors.

Do. fol. 126.

July 2. A.D. 1599. The fee payable by the Bishop for the seal when his acts are confirmed by the Chapter is to be only £2 13*s.* 4*d.* fol. 136.

Oct. 16, A.D. 1601. Henry Jones is charged with allowing tipling in his house during the time of divine service on Sundays. He confessed "that true it is that there were some persons in his house on Sunday last was three weeks, eating a cake as he thinketh." He is admonished not to allow it again. fol. 171.

Proceedings against a vicar choral. fol. 178 in dors.

"Whereas the Rev. Father in God the Bishopp of Landaffe by his letters missive, bearing date the vii daie of Januarie A.D. 1604, hath signefied unto the Deane and Chapter of this churche that not longe since William Moore and the wydowe Turner passed throughe Chepstowe towards Ragland. And he the said Rev. Father suspecting that to be the cause of their jorney which now appeareth, made inquirie after them the best he could. But they carryed their busynesses so closeley as that he could not come to the perfect notice of anie thing. But that the Deane and Chapter maye be able to guesse at their arrand as well as him selfe. Whereupon he signified that Walter Powell mentioned in their letters formerly sent unto him the Rev. Father is a priest ordered in Queene Marie's daies, and being somtymes beneficed in this dioces of Landaff gave over his lyvinge some thirtye years since contynewinge all this space a recusant. And for manie years before his comynge thither hath been accompted a comon masse monger. He is a runegate abidinge in no certen place but lurking for the most part about Ragland as he heard for marriages and christening with masses, he the said Rev. father hath complayned him to the lord president, to the late Archbusshopp and to the Judges of the Assizes. All which notwithstanding doe what he can he contyneweth these courses. But he hopeth er longe to have order for him and other of his sort. And this is all that he can certifie the Chapter concerning this matter, the consideration whereof he comytted to the Chapter, &c."

"Now upon the receipt and proving of the said letters the Deane and Chapter of Wells aforesaid in regard that the said William Moore one of the vicars chorall of the Cathedrall Church of Wells confessed in open Chapter as appareth by act made in court that he was marryed by the said Walter Powell to Mary Turner, widow, and for as muche as yt appeareth to the said Deane and Chapter that this foresaid marriage thus made doth conteyne in yt over . . . evident breaches against the ordres and locall statutes and the jurisdiction of the said cathedral churche, and also seamely to conteyne in yt certen matters of greater qualitie against the politicall lawes of this kingdome then apperteyne to their censure. The said deane and chapter reserving to them selves their said jurisdiction ecclesiasticall of this cathedrall church thoughte good to refer the said breaches of the politicall lawes by way of notice to the Lord Bisshop of Bath and Wells as a justice of peace of this countie, and that under their seal of office.

The said W. Moore is cited to appear and answer to the charge of having married without banns or licence Mrs. Marie Turner, she being fol. 179.

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a recusant, and an excommunicate person, and he thereby breaking the Statutes of the house and church.

fol. 179 in dors. April 3, A.D. 1605.

"In ecclesia Wellen, juxta horalogium ibidem . . . inhibitum fuit prefatis venerabilibus viris [i.e. the Dean and Chapter] virtute literarum inhibitoriarum . . . Richardi Archiepiscopi Cantuar."

But no further explanation is given.

fol. 185. Oct. 20, A.D. 1605.

The Bp. of Llandaff a Prebendary of Wells, is granted a dispensation from residence.

fol. 192. Certain Statutes (not given here) about the Vicars are published. Oct. 30, A.D. 1605.

fol. 197. Oct. 1, A.D. 1606. The scholars forbidden to play in the cloisters.

fol. 197 in dors. The days for the ministering of the Communion are to be set on the table of preaching, and it is to be ministered by a Canon once in the year according to an order hereafter made, and so monthly by a Canon in his turn or some other Canon. And that the Minister shall give notice publickly in the church the Sunday next before the monthly Sunday. And the Vicars are to be admonished to come to the Communion.

fol. 198. On the same day Humphry Willis and Martha Drurie submitted themselves to the Chapter for having procured matrimony in the Cathedral at an unlawful hour between eight and nine before noon without banns or licence.

fol. 204 in dors. April 1, A.D. 1607. The Chapter determine to send a petition to the Archbishop for the reformation of negligence in preaching in the Cathedral church.

fol. 205. The Vicars choral to remove to the higher stalls and doors to be made to them, and the choristers to be placed in the lower rooms or stalls and desks and doors to be added to them.

The clerks are to attend more diligently to sweeping the church.

fol. 211. Nov. 21. A.D. 1607. Dean Meredith is installed.

The next volume which carries on the Chapter Acts from A.D. 1607–1621 contains in its 178 folios very little beyond installations and disciplinary notices.

fol. 3. Jan. 4, A.D. 1607. The Master of the fabric is ordered to provide a chest with three locks for the records of the church, and all Canons, &c. who have any of them are to bring them in.

fol. 5. March 29, A.D. 1608. Election of Bishop James Montague.

fol. 8. His Enthronization on May 14, A.D. 1608.

fol. 9 in dors. July 1, A.D. 1608. Richard Mason one of the Vicars choral petitions the Chapter for the fees paid for Baptisms at the Font, for Marriages and for Burials.

fol. 13 in dors. A table of fees for burial for any person whatsoever, or any other dwelling within the Liberty.

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For burial in the body of the church or in the Lady Chapel, except in the case of a canon resident or any of his family, it is 20*s*. For every peale 3*s*. 4*d*.

In any aisle about the chancel or choir, 30*s*.

Jan. 3, A.D. 1609. The steward need only entertain in the Audit week, at the time of the steward's feast, the Bishop (if he be present) the Dean and Canons residentiary, and the accustomed officers with their bailifs and reeves. fol. 29.

The Communars Audit breakfast is to be for three days at the second account.

Oct. 24, A.D. 1610. It is ordered that sermons be preached every year by the Dean and Canons or their deputies upon March 24, August 5, and Nov. 5. fol. 34.

Jan. 3, A.D. 1611. A list of burial fees. fol. 51 in dors.

For burial in the Palm Churchyard 2*s*. In the Cloisters 6*s*. 8*d*., and the grave is to be covered with a fair free stone.

In the North or South Aisles of the body of the Church, 10*s*. and the grave to be covered with a stone.

In the body of the church 13*s*. 4*d*., and the grave to be covered with a stone.

In the North or South Aisle by the Clock or by the Font 20*s*. and the grave to be covered with a stone.

In the N. or S. Aisles of the Choir or in the Lady Chapel 26*s*. 8*d*., and the grave to be covered with a stone. fol. 52.

In the Choir 40*s*. and the grave to be covered with fair marble.

If a Bishop be buried in the Choir or elsewhere the fee is £6 13*s*. 8*d*.; and if he have a Monument it is to be by agreement with the D. & C.

If the Dean or a Canon resident or any other be buried in the choir, and shall desire to have a monument erected, it shall be by agreement with the D. & C.

If any other desire to have a monument in any other part of the church the D. & C. shall fix a fee.

All such fees go to the fabrick of the church.

The fee for the bell at a funeral of one buried in the church 12*d*., and for every peal 12*d*.

"If any hath his knell rung with the common . ? . . bell shulde pay iii*s*. iiij*d*., and for every peale rung with the great bells without the bell called Horewell he shall pay iii*s*. iiij*d*." . . . with the Horewell bell vj*s*. viii*d*. For every peal with the great bells and with Horwell vj*s*. viij*d*. No peal shall be rung longer than half an hour.

All such fees to go to the fabrick.

There is not to be any ringing without the consent of the D. & C. or of the Canon resident.

July 7, A.D. 1612. A letter is to be sent from the Chapter to . . . . . Still, son of the late Bishop Still, about the £500 bequeathed by his father for the buildings of the new Almshouses or the enlargement of the old Almshouses, at the discretion of the Dean and Chapter. The D. & C. intend to undertake the trust. fol. 57 in dors.

Sept. 23, A.D. 1615. John Young, the Chancellor, a Canon resident, produces letters from the King in that behalf and obtains dispensation from residence. fol. 108.

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The next volume contains A.D. 1621–1635.

fol. 23. July 2, A.D. 1623. An order made that sermons be preached by the Dean on Nov. 5. By the Archd^{n} of Wells at the Quarter Sessions. By the Chancellor on March 24. By the Treasurer, the Bp. of Bristol, on Aug. 5. For the year 1624, by the Archd^{n} of Bath; the Archd^{n} of Taunton; Preb. Godwin, and Mr. Rd. Adams, on the same days.

fol. 47 in dors. Jan. 9, A.D. 1625. Wm. Beamont gentleman is charged and confesses that "he hath not neither doth come to the church to heare dyvine praire and sermons nor hath received the holly communion by the space of three or fowr yeares last past;" and is ordered by the Chapter to attend service in the Cathedral.

A marginal note "he is a popishe recusant and "doth not frequent the church to heare dyvine praier and sermons, nor receave the holly communion three tymes in the year as he ought to doe."

fol. 48. A similar charge against Maria wife of W. Beamont, and against George Clerke his servant, Maria and Alice Clerk.

fol. 48 in dors. A charge against Wm. Evans, gentleman, his wife Maria and daughter Sarah, that he is suspected of being popishly inclined and doth keep his family in his house, who do not frequent the church, &c.

James Morton, senior, when charged, answers that he was present at prayers and sermon on Sunday last in the Cathedral and received the Holy Communion on Easter Sunday. He is ordered to attend again on the following Sunday.

James Morton, Maria Aish are similarly summoned.

Maria wife of John Clark is summoned for chiding and brawling with Agnes Corne and striking her in the mouth and making her mouth bleed, during the time of divine service, &c.

It is a quarrel about a seat.

There are several other cases of citation for non attendance at divine service, recorded in the next 6 pages.

fol. 55 in dors. August 16, A.D. 1626.

The election of William Laud, Bp. of S. David's to the Bishoprick of Bath and Wells.

There is no notice of the installation of the Bishop.

fol. 57 in dors. Certain dignitaries who are non resident are ordered to pay £10 a year each toward the support of the fabrick.

fol. 65. Oct. 1, A.D. 1627. In compliance with a request from the Bishop, the D. & C. desire Mr. Busshell "to surrender the patents of the offices which he holdeth of the Lord Busshopp for iij lives, viz., the office of . ? . . bailif, keeper of the prison, called the cow house, woodward, and keeper of the pallace of the Busshopp, and take them for his own life (which then) the said Busshopp would graunt them to hym; which the said Mr. Busshell refused in regard whereof the said Lord Busshopp, as also in that the said Mr. Busshell hath done many ill offices to hym, hath graunted the said Mr. Busshell's offices to Mr. Adam Toreles, and Mr. Richard Robinson severally for their lives, which several patents the said Dean and Chapter uppon reasonable causes them movyng have graunted and confirmed with their common or Chapter seal, and have sealed the same with the said seale."

fol. 67. Jan. 2, A.D. 1627. Dispensation from residence granted to the Dean in accordance with letters received from the king.

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July 24, A.D. 1628. The election of Leonard Mawe to the Bishoprick of Bath and Wells, vacant by the translation of Bishop Laud to London.

Jan. 2, A.D. 1628. An order made by the Chapter about precedency among the Vicars choral. fol. 75. fol. 82.

The same subject and certain disputes about it as the last. A discontented Vicar appeals for delay until the next Episcopal Visitation. fol. 85.

Oct. 29, A.D. 1629. The election of Walter Curl to the Bishoprick vacant by the death of Bp. Mawe. fol. 91 in dors.

In continuation of the last. fol. 93.

Enthronization of the Bishop. Dec. 24, A.D. 1629. fol. 93 in dors.
A document of 3 pages.

On the same day Tristram Towse, Notary, in return for many benefits received from the Chapter, undertakes to provide candles and a lantern for the Treasury for the term of his life. fol. 95 in dors.

Oct. 25, A.D. 1630. Some regulations about the payment of those who celebrate the morning prayer "sometimes called the morning masse." fol. 102 in dors.

At the same time it is ordered that the Easter offerings and other casual fees for marriages, churchings, &c. be divided among the executing priests of the church. And also that the two Rectories which have heretofore been appointed by the Master of the fabrick, shall go for this year to them that are named by D. Godwin, and in after years to be divided among the Vicars choral. fol. 103.
Mr. Hunt, the sub-treasurer, is to keep the register book, and every minister that shall christen, marry, or bury any person, shall enter it in the register with his own hand.

Dec. 15, A.D. 1630. Four of the vicars admonished for not reading Morning Prayer in the choir of the Cathedral. fol. 103 in dors.

Aug. 25, A.D. 1631. Installation of Dean George Warburton. fol. 111.

July 7, A.D. 1632. Wm. Clun is charged with having said to the Bishop in the palace, carrying himself irreverently, that his Lordship had taken away all principality from the vicars, and that he himself being principal could do nothing. fol. 122.

On the same day the following letter was read by the Dean in the Chapter: fol. 122 in dors.
"Sir,—His Majestie is informed that the Communion table in your church is not furnished with such decent ornaments as are requisite and as in other cathedrall churches are supplied. He therefore commanded me to let you know that he expecteth from you a spedy redresse on that behalf that he may not have cause to charge you with the neglect of your deutie which he will not forbear to doe if he doe not receave a better accompt of your care heerein. Whereof not doubting, I remain, your loving frend, John Coke.
"Greenwich, the ninth day of June 1632.

Oct. 2, A.D. 1632. John Corne, a vicar-choral is charged with irreverent behaviour in the choir, and with not bowing to the Dean. fol. 125 in dors.

Protest made by the Dean against non-residence of Canons. fol. 126.

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fol. 128. Nov. 26, A.D. 1632. Election of William Peirs, Bishop of Peterborough to the Bishoprick of Bath and Wells, vacant by the translation of Bp. W. Curl to Winchester.

fol. 133. Jan. 3, A.D. 1632. The Dean thanks the Chapter for proceeding against John Corne, but is not satisfied because the penance enjoined is too light and comes too late.

The Dean also declares that he does not hold himself bound by law or by promise to pay his caution money.

fol. 134. Jan. 4, A.D. 1632. The Dean declares in Chapter that he is most ready to obey the King's mandate, but that in addition to the other reasons already given there are no letters from the King nor any mention of them among the Chapter Acts. For the present therefore he has not proposed the election of any one to be a residentiary, when the royal letters do come he will be most ready to obey their directions. The canons present however protest that they have seen letters from both Kings, James and Charles, in favour of Mr. Abbot, and they thrice "instanter, instantius, et instantissime" desire that Mr. Abbot, the Precentor, may be called into residence. Then Mr. Abbot offered his caution, but the Dean adjourned the matter.

fol. 135. Jan. 4, A.D. 1632. The Enthronization of Bishop Peirs.

fol. 138. Feb. 23, A.D. 1632. Richard Hayward, Vicar of Curryrivil is called upon to answer for not having paid the first portion of the third subsidy to the King due on the 1st of Dec. ult., and show cause why he should not be suspended.

The citation had been made by Thomas Norcot on Feb. 14 three times with a loud voice at the said R. Hayward's house.

This is the first of many similar entries concerning John Compton, Vicar of Castle Cary. Edmund Sutton, Rector of Haulton. Pownall, Rector of Wraxall. John Hunt, Rector of Exford. John Coster, Rector of Brushford. Lawrence Uppington, Rector of Wythycombe, (he pays). Anthony Richardson, Rector of Kingsdon. Robert Reason, Rector of Otterhampton. Powell, Rector of Spaxton. Musgrave, Vicar of Wembdon.

fol. 140. March 4, A.D. 1632. The Dean produced copies of the royal letters in favour of Mr. Abbot, and they are ordered to be registered.

fol. 141. March 5, A.D. 1632. Canon Wood protested that for his part he was ready to elect Mr. Abbot to be a residentiary in obedience to the royal mandate, and that he believes that it is necessary to propose him for election, according to their statutes and customs, "et casu quo nulla esset differentia inter dictos viros Abbott et Crighton se paratissimum esse pro electione dicti Magistri Crighton."

Canons Revell and Godwyn join with him, but the dean declared that neither by Statutes nor custom was there any such necessity. The said Canons then appealed to "Ad Cartam sive litteras patentes statuta et consuetudines" for corroboration of their words, and submitted themselves to the royal will.

The Dean desired to have a transcript of the said Charters, subscribed to by the Dean and Chapter, and it is ordered to be made.

fol. 142. March 13, A.D. 1632. The Dean by virtue of letters patent from the King, proposes a second time Robert Crighton as Canon residentiary.

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He is elected, but his admission, and the acceptance of his caution is deferred to the next general Chapter. WELLS CATHEDRAL MSS.

April 1, A.D. 1633. John Thompson, Vicar of Castle Cary, is suspended in default of appearing when summoned. fol. 143.

J. Coster, Rector of Brushford, is also summoned and the Rector of Kingsdon. The latter pays. fol. 143 in dors.

The Rectors of Otterhampton and Spaxton, do not appear and are suspended.

April 29, A.D. 1632. The Rector of Brushford is suspended for non-appearance, but on June 21 he submits and pays 1*s.* 6*d.* fol. 146 in dors.

Sept. 8, A.D. 1633. Roger Bredman presents a mandate from the King for his admission to a place in the Hospital. fol. 148.

On the same day it is ordered that seats be made on either side of the choir over the Prebendaries stalls for the Bishop's wife, and the Dean and Canons' wives.

Copy of a letter from King James, A.D. 1615, to the Chapter of Wells. fol. 149 in dors.

"James R. Trusty and wellbeloved wee greete you well, Whereas John Young, Dr of Divinity, Chauncellor, and one of your Canons of the Cathedral Church of Wells, by reason of his attendaunce on us, and imployment in our service cann not Reside amongst you, and performe such ordinary dueties as his place may require. Theis are to certify you that notwithstanding his non Residence It is our special pleasor that henceforth he enjoy all commodityes, dividents and quotidians any way belonging to his place in as ffull and ample mariner as yf he were there present. By doing whereof you shall doe us very acceptable service.

"Given at Cranburne the VIII. of August, 1615."

NOTE.—"Mr. Deane of Winton had the originall away with him this day."

Sept. 30, A.D. 1633. John Young, D.D., Dean of Winton and Chancellor of Wells Cathedral in virtue of the latter office nominates Tristram Towse to be Chapter Clerk. fol. 150.

Jan. 31, A.D. 1633. A commission is to be issued to certain clergymen and discrete laymen of the Chapter peculiar jurisdictions to view the Churches, Parsonages, and Vicarage houses in the said peculiars, and to report on their defects. fol. 153.

Feb. 5, A.D. 1533. Royal letters in favour of Precentor Edward Abbot are produced, and the Chapter declare themselves ready to obey with alacrity and elect Mr. Abbot to be a residentiary. fol. 153 in dors.

Feb. 7, A.D. 1633. Mr. Simon answers to certain charges. The two first (not specified) are true. The 3rd is true saving that "he saith that he did not procure himself to be married with any intent to contemne the authority of this court; neither did he ride to Bristoll with intent or resolution to be married there. fol. 154 in dors.

Other articles are about a disputed right to seats in the choir; and he is charged with leaving the church before the sermon. To the latter he answers that he has never done so but when he has been ill.

To the 8th Art. he answers "that he did not wear a civil hood untill he was a M.A. of fower years standing; and since that he hath worn

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one which he believeth he may doe by the privileges of the University of Cambridge where he took his degree." But he is willing to give up wearing it if desired.

For abusing Canon Godwin he shall be pardoned if he give a written apology.

fol. 158. April 1, A.D. 1634, Mr. Budge's legacy (£150) towards sermons to be disbursed by Mr. Wood.

fol. 161. July 3, A.D. 1634, John Weston presented a mandate from the Archbishop for his induction to the Prebend of Compton Dundon, which is obeyed.

fol. 161 in dors. July 14, A.D. 1634. Certain royal letters (not given here) were read in Chapter, it is resolved to obey them, and they are to be registered.

fol. 163. Oct. 1, A.D. 1634. The above letters are described as forbidding the Chapter to make leases for more than 21 years.

There are many documents extending over several pages dealing with the question of the residence of Dr. Young.

fol. 168. Jan. 2. A.D. 1634. Mr. John Oker is charged with having given notice to the vicars that "there should be no antumne sung in steede of Nunc dimittis or Benedictus but only according to the forme of common prayer," without first consulting with the Canons Resident. He answered "that he was commanded by the Reverend Father in God the Lord Bushopp of Bath and Wells in the presence of Mr. Dr. Wood to give such notice, &c."

The Dean after examination of the Statute pronounced him contumacious, and removed him from his office of Vicar for one week. John Oker is Master of the Choristers.

fol. 168 in dors. On the same day the Dean declared, "that in case it shallbe my Lord Grace of Canterbury his pleasure that Frauncis Lewis shallbe placed in a chorister of this church in the place of William Bisse, taking it to be in his grace his power soe to place him by meanes of his Metropoliticall visitation, then he doth decree (in all obedience to his Grace his pleasure) that the said Lewis shall be soe admitted, but untill his Grace shall soe declare himselfe the said Mr. Oker is not to admit him a Chorister."

The Dean is prepared to admit the said Lewis at the desire of the Bp. of B. & W. even though the Archbp. should not give any directions, if he be as fit as any other candidate. But there are three other boys (named) candidates, and it is right that the worthiest be chosen.

fol. 169. Feb. 9, A.D. 1634. A vicar suspended for one week for going out of town to Bristol without leave.

fol. 171 in dors. April 1, A.D. 1635. The Dean informed the Chapter that he had received an order from the Archbishop of Canterbury to remove all the seats in the nave of the Cathedral, and the Chapter unanimously gave order accordingly.

fol. 174. April 6, A.D. 1635. Permission given to certain persons to dig and search for lead ore in the Manor of Winscombe, reserving one seventh to the D. & C. as being lords of the said ground, and also the tenth part or "lottlead," to the D. & C. as being the chief Lords royal of the soil. But if sufficient lead is not found to defray the expenses

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then the D. & C. are to have only an eighth part and the tenth of the ore that shall be found in the groofes.

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Oct. 1, A.D. 1635. "Mr. Dean proposed to the Chapter then present that he had received a commaund from my Lord's Grace of Cant: that the D. & C. of this church should consult together for providing ornaments for this church, and casting upp what the charge of them would amount unto should sett apart out of their dividends the one half of such charge the ffirste yeare, and the other half the next yeare, to which monition the said Mr. Dean for his part declared his readiness and consent, and soe did the said Chapter, and they all resolved betweene this and the next Chapter day to consider of the ornaments and charge, and then to give order for the same in performance of his Grace's commands. fol. 176.

On the same day the Chapter unanimously agree that "such daies as Mr. Deane shall spend in waiting on his Majesty or in travelling towards him or home from such service shall be allowed as part of the daies of his residence. And the like favour is granted to Dr. Walker.

Scandalous words have been spoken by the wife of one of the vicars choral against the certain of the ministers, saying that such ministers were made as would undoe the kingdome, that such had been appointed by the Bp. of Bristol, and that he should hear of it with both ears when he comes to town. fol. 176 in dors.

The said Bishop protests that he has never made any vicars choral except on the recommendation of the Chapter, and he desires to be righted of the opprobrious scandal.

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Letter of Charles I. to the Bishop of B. & W.—"Right Reverend Father in God, Right trusty and well-beloved we greete you well. Wee have of late taken the state of our several Bishopricks into our princely consideration, that we may be the better able to preserve that livelyhoode which as yet is lost unto them. Upon this deliberation wee fynde that of later tymes there hathe not risen a greater inconvenience than by throwing leases of one and twenty years into Lives, for by that means the present Bishop putt a greater fyne into his purse to enrich himself, his wife and children, and leave their successors of what deserts soever they be, and the Church destitute of that growing means which else would come in to help them. By which course should it continue, scarce any Bishop would be able to live and keepe house according to their place and calling. We know the Statute makes it lawful for any Bishop to lett a lease for one and twenty years or three lives, but tyme and experience have made it apparent that there is a great deal of difference between them, especially in Church leases where men are commonly in great yeares before they come to those places. These are therefore to will and command you, upon peril of our utmost displeasure, and what will follow thereon, that notwithstanding any Statute or any other pretence whatsoever, you presume not to let any lease belonging to your Bishoprick into lives which is not in lives already, and further that where any fayre opportunity is offered you, if any such be for sayle not to reduce such as are in lives unto yeares, &c., &c." Given at Greenwich June 22. 10 C. I. fol. 222.

These orders are to be put upon record.

Similar orders are given to the Chapter.

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Another letter from the King enforcing the said order, and explaining that it applies to individual Prebendaries as well as to the Chapter. Given at Hampton Court, Oct. 1. 10 C. I.

fol. 231.

fol. 256.

Letter from Archbp. Laud to the Chapter.—"After my hearty commendations. These are to let you know that Dr. Warde, Residentiary of your Cathedral Church, hath petitioned his Majesty that he may receive all dividends and other emoluments belonging to him though he kept not but one half of the residence to which the Charter binds him. This petition is referred to me (as you may see by the coppie of it which I send you here enclosed) and power given me to order it, as I shall think fitt, yet my respect to you and to the Church is such that I shall not determine anything till I hear from you what openeon you have of the busyness, which I pray forward with all the convenient speed you can. For my own part, I would wishe that both in that church and in all other cathedral churches such men were chosen into residence as might keep that time enjoyned them solemnly, which would be in great honour to the cathedral churches, and a great strength to the discipline of them. But since I find many worthy men actually in those places, which by reason of the places they hold elsewhere abroad in the Church cannot possibly without a great prejudice to it, as to themselves, reside soe fully as they should, I am in my owne thoughte inclinable (at least as I am as yet advised) to show some favour in that particular, unless you can showe some sufficient reason to the contrary. I am farther informed by Dr. Warde that the major parte of the Chapter allowed of his cause of absence at Michaelmas last, that therefore he desires that dividend alsoe may be payd him, which I pray you to take into consideration, and let me know your opinion of it; for if this cause of absence were soe allowed, I doe not yet see (the major part ruling all busynesses of Chapter) how the dividend can be denied him. Soe wishing you all health and happiness, I leave you to the grace of God, and rest your very loving friend.

"Lambeth, Feb. 25. A.D. 1635. W. CANT."

fol. 259.

"S in χρο" The same to the same.—"After my harty commendations, I thank you hartily for the two letters which I have received from you. And to one of them concerning your choice of one Daniel Davis unto a tenor place in that church I have given soe full satisfaction to Mr. Dean, and desire him to acquaint you with it, that I shall not need to write any other letter concerning it. And soe farr am I from desiring the choice of a tenor into the room of a Basse or a counter Tenor, as that I shall never think it fitt where the number is soe few to have a Tenor chosen at all, where a Basse or a counter-tenor may be had. Soe I leave you free for that busynesse of Davis, and thank you for giving me an accompt how unfitt it might prove for your church service, to choose a Tenor at this present. For the other busynesse concerning Dr. Warde I must write a little more because of his Majesty's reference to me. But otherwise you have dealt soe fairly with him that were it not for that reference I should not need to have written any more to you, for as for his dividends for the last year you have allowed it all unto him by common consent, for which as I thank you soe have I noe more to say concerning it. And for the seconde part of his busynesse since you consider the reasons upon which his petition is grounded to be just and reasonable that some part of his residence may be abated him, I think it will be most fitt and indifferent for me upon the dividends for the same reasons (since his Majesty hath been pleased to refer the cause unto me) to require of Dr. Warde that he shall keep the same proportion

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of residence and noe more as of necessity, than he did the last year, which is, as I consider, half the residence required by the Statute. Always provided that this dispensation for half residence be noe longer allowed to his use and benefitt than he shall continue the Lecture which he now reads in the University of Cambridge. These are therefore not only to allow and approve the Chapter Act which you have made for the time past, but farther to pray and require you, according to the power given me by his Majesty, that you doe confirm by another Chapter Act unto the said Dr. Warde, Prebend Residentiary of that your church of Wells his whole dividend, that in every year he doe keepe and observe but his half residence, with such limitation as is before expressed.

"Soe wishing you all health and happiness I leave you all to the grace of God, and rest your very loving friend,

"Lambeth, April 26. A.D. 1636. W. CANT.

"I shall expect that you transcribe these letters into your Chapter Booke, that there may be a final end of this difference."

Charles I. to the Chapter.—"Rt. Creighton is employed in a service which we have commanded him to undertake, by reason whereof he cannot keep his residence there as by the Statute of that Church he is enjoyned. We doe hereby therefore dispense with the Statute in this particular . . . requiring you to take order that he be not any way injured by his non-residence . . . . but may receive the full profits of his place of Canon Residentiary, &c." fol. 257.

Given at Hampton Court, July 22. 12 C. I.

Another Volume of Chapter Acts. A.D. 1635–1644.

Oct. 24, A.D. 1635. The Archdn: of Taunton, Samuel Ward, stated in the Chapter that he had been "detained from keeping his residence from the beginning of August until the 14th by letters written in his Majesty's name about the examination of business concerning the Mastership of Catherine Hall, and partly upon occasion of My Lord of Canterbury his grace's letters sent touching the Universities records, whether the University of Cambridge by them were exempted from his Metropoliticall Visitation. And that he was detained from like residence by letters sent from the Honr^bl Earl of Holland, Chancellor of Cambridge, from the twentieth of August 1635, when he was coming towards Wells untill almost Michaelmas last about the same business. Which day part of a letter written by Mr. Crighton to Mr. Deane being read, it appeared by the same that the said Mr. Crighton was detayned from like residence by meanes of a letter sent by the Earle of Holland in his Majestie's name to command his abiding at Cambridge when he was coming hither in August last." p. 2.

Jan. 5, A.D. 1635. It is reported that owing to the absence of Mr. Martin Simon there were no morning Prayers on Sunday last, Jan. 3. He is suspended for a week, and ordered to perform divine service in the Lady Chapel throughout this week. p. 4.

April 1, A.D. 1636. A letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury in favour of Dr. Ward, and the Chapter allow that the reasons given by Dr. Ward in his petition to his Majesty are good and sufficient, and a p. 6.

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dispensation from half his residence is granted to him, with humble submission to whatever his Grace shall order herein.

p. 15. Oct. 1, 1636. A Councillor, John Baker, appointed for the Church at a yearly fee of 40*s*.

p. 16. April 1, 1637. There is granted to Mr. Walter Brick of Wells part of the old Almshouse garden, measuring 70 ft. by 22 ft. to erect a new Almshouse thereon for 4 poor people, at a yearly rent of 10*s*. to the governor and 30*s*. to the 24 members of the old Almshouse.

p. 23. Jan. 2, 1637. The vicars choral in reading the Litany are to take care that if any one be absent on either side "that such other as are of that side are to performe that parte to be procured by the party soe absent."

p. 33. July 1, 1638. Installation of Thomas Row, B.D., as Prebendary of Whitchurch in the place of James Wedderburne, D.D., promoted to the Bishoprick of Dunblane.

p. 37. Oct. 1, 1638. Martin Simon is charged with irregular and contumelious behaviour. A licence had been issued by the D. & C. for the marriage of Sheppard of Banwell, and one Bath of the Liberty of the Cathedral. At the time for the ceremony in the Cathedral the said Mr. Simon refused to perform it without a fee of 10*s*. notwithstanding a message from Dr. Godwin and a personal demand from him either to deliver up the licence or perform the ceremony. At length upon the advice of bystanders he delivered it in a grumbling manner.

p. 61. March 26, 1640. Th. Walker, D.D., Sebastian Smith, B.D., Canons residentiary, and Nicholas Busby, Prebendary of Cudworth, chosen proctors for Convocation.

p. 62. March 27, 1640. The Chapter resolved, because "it is unseemly and unusual in cathedral churches to have galleries set up and continued, and especially men and women to sitt together in so eminent a place in the view of the church as the two galleries that are already erected at the north and south sides of the Choyre of the said church are, and because the said galleries were not erected by consent of Chapter or Chapter Act, and by reason of divers abuses to the eyes of many publickly done, which they have in parte seene and otherwise credibly heare of, and forasmuch they from good eares have understood that the same seats are very scandalously taken by men of quality of this diocese, they doe therefore unanimously consent and capitularly agree that the two doores . . . . of the several stayres to the said galleries shalbe forthwith fast nayled upp until they shall see cause otherwise to doe with them; and they deputed and appoyented Dr. Godwyn to see it done as deputy Master of the ffabrick."

p. 64. March 30, 1640. Martin Simon and C. Alderly are charged as follows.

That yesterday after the celebration of the Holy Communion they came into the vestry bringing the consecrated wine with them which had been left at the Communion, that the said Mr. Simon took the Challice and poured the wine into a pewter pot, and being asked what he was about to do with it, he answered that it belonged to him and he meant to carry it home. Mr. Alderly answered that the D. & C. had ordered that no consecrated wine should be carried away to any man's house. Mr. Martin said he would, and in a violent manner pulled off his gown and surplice, and desire Mr. Anthony Mowry and Humphry

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Marsh then and there present, to depart out of the vestry and said in a choleric manner that he would deal with Mr. Alderly well enough. Whereupon Mr. Alderly went and held the door and said that he should not carry away any wine. Then Mr. Simon notwithstanding an offer by Mr. Marshe to go and ask the Dean if he might have the wine or not, set hands upon the pot in a violent manner and threw Mr. Alderly who sought to stop him to the ground, and much of the wine was spilt. Five pages of evidence.

It is decided that both Simon and Alderly have come in pœnam statuti, and they are suspended a celebratione divinorum. p. 68.

April 1, 1640. Mr. Alderly is absolved. p. 69.

April 2, 1640. Dr. Godwyn and Dr. Wood submit to the censure of the D. & C. for certain sermons of theirs to which the Bishop had objected. p. 71.

Oct. 24, 1640. Certain members of the Chapter in recognition of the re-establishment of concord between the Bishop and themselves, agree to confirm a 21 year lease of the Manor of Chard, and promise that they will for the future confirm all such leases and patents of the Bishop's as shall be according to the laws of the Kingdom and customs of the Church, and that they will seek to procure the assent to this of the other canons who are not now present. p. 79. p. 80.

On the same day Dr. Smith is appointed proctor for the Convocation to be held on Nov. 4.

Oct. 26, 1640. Martin Simon is charged again "that he being sent unto at the time of evening service by Dr. Crighton within this fortnight last past to read the reading psalmes deliberately, came at time of service in a hasty manner from his owne stall unto Dr. Crighton, and there expostulated with him for the sending to him, and withall there being no other minister or vicar choral there to execute in a contemptuous manner went out of the choyre and left none to end the service but Dr. Crighton, soe that he was driven to supply the said Simon his turne."

Mr. Simon came et petiit articulos in forma juris.

Oct. 30, 1640. M. Simon not appearing to his citation he is suspended. p. 82.

Dec. 4. The above suspension is taken off, Mr. Simon promises obedience to the law, and he is ordered to appear again on Jan. 2. p. 83.

Jan. 22, 1641. Installation of Walter Raleigh, Professor of Theology, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the King, as Dean of Wells in the place of the late G. Warburton. p. 90.

April 1, 1642. A Chapter was held in usual form. Present, the Dean; Dr. Gerard Wood, Archdn: of Wells; Dr. Paul Godwyn; Dr. Crighton, Treasurer, and T. Towse the notary acting as Chapter Clerk. The Vicars all, except Simon Alderley and Benford appear. p. 94.

Lots are cast as usual for the Chapter patronage.

Two months residence are allowed to the Dean while he has been in attendance on the King. The Chapter is adjourned to the following day. p. 95.

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An entry inserted in a different hand, stating that a loan of £20 is repaid to the Chapter, July 1, 1642. Signed, G. Wood.

Tristram Towse is discharged from the sum of £260, viz., Mr. Budge's legacy. The Receipt signed by G. Wood.

At the bottom of the page there is an entry in a different hand dated Jan. 28, 1644, "in domo decanali Wellen coram domino decano Dr. Wood et magistro Rogero Wood, canonicis residentiarii dictæ Ecclesiæ actum fuit ut sequitur in presentia mei Tr. Towse Notorii publici, actuarii," &c.

An acknowledgment of the Dean's that he has received from Dr. Wood £40 part of the £260 as above. Dr. Wood states that he in obedience to an order of the Dean, Dr. Godwyn, Dr. Crighton, and Dr. Smith had paid £80 of the same money to Dr. Walker, and he produced the order with their signatures.

p 96. In the same hand as the last—

At the same time the Chapter seal is affixed to the appointment of Arthur Mallet to be general receiver of the Bishop's Manors.

Followed by—

"It is ordered by consent of the persons heere present that if it shall heare after happen that the Corporation of the Dean and Chapter be dissolved by Act of Parliament, or by any other lawful meanes, That then every Canon that hath paid in his caution or theyer executors, &c. to whom the same shall belonge . . . shall be paid his caution out of debts dew to the said Dean and Chapter or theyer predecessors or theyer successors, &c."

The Chapter seal placed to a lease of Cheddar rectory to Christopher Dodington.

p. 97. The last two pages have evidently been entered upon a blank folio, p. 97, returns to the date July 1, 1642, and presentations to Benefices and Installations to Prebendal stalls go on in regular form until June
p. 103. 23, 1643, when Mr. Humphrey Sydenham was installed as Prebendary of Wedmore III.

At this Chapter the Dean and Dr. Crighton, Residentiaries, and Mr. Robert Ash, a Prebendary, were present.

p. 104. Sept. 9, 1643. In the Chapter House were present Dr. Crighton the Treasurer; and R. Ash, Robert Earle, and Samuel Lanfire, Prebendaries, and Dr. Sebastian Smith was installed as Prebendary of Wormister, in the place of the late W. Woodhouse.

A similar installation to Combe VIII.

p. 105. Sept. 30, 1643. There were present in the Chapter House, the Dean; Gerard Wood, Archdn: of Taunton; Paul Godwin; Robert
p. 106. Crighton, and Thomas Walker, Canons residentiary.

Officers were appointed for the coming year as usual.

p. 107. On Sunday Oct. 1, 1643. The same members met in the Chapter House, and adjourned to the following day, when they again met and
p. 108. Dr. Sebastian Smith was also present.

The business included the petition of William Peirs, Archdn: of Bath to be admitted a residentiary, and he offered 100 marcs caution. But the Dean answered "se non teneri per aliquam priorem permissionem ad eligendum dictum dominum Archidiaconum, ideo non proposuisse, nec hoc capitulo dictam electionem exponere velle."

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On the same day Robert Chapline is installed as Prebendary of Combe XI. in place of the late R. Lute and Mr. Dewbery is admitted vicar choral in usual form. p. 109.

A senschal is appointed for two years, and the Chapter adjourned to the following day, when Dr. Watts produced letters from the King in his own favour, and he is admitted to be a Canon residentiary. p. 110.

The usual entries follow from p. 110–113.

Dec. 29, 1643. W. Peirs is admitted Archdeacon of Taunton. p. 113.

Dec. 30, 1643. William Davis, installed as Archdeacon of Bath.

Jan. 5, 1343. Admission of Roger Wood to be a residentiary, with reservation that he is not to come into residence until Oct. 1644. p. 115.

Lots cast as usual for the Chapter patronage.

"Whereas the D. & C. at their charge on the intreaty of the Vicars Choral of this Church have built two seates for the wiefes of the said Vicars to sitt in the Choyre there, and since the erection of them some of the said woemen cannot agree about their place therein, they doe order that the said woemen shall sit in the respective sides of the said Choyre by Preisthoode and seniority as their husbands places are in without any disturbances." p. 116.

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1643. Present in the Chapter House the Dean; Dr. G. Wood, Archdn: of Wells; Dr. Rt. Crighton, the Treasurer; Dr. Th. Walker; Dr. Sebastian Smith, the Precentor; and Roger Wood, M.A.; all Canons Residentiary; it was agreed to enter into an Indenture for all arrears and rents due to the Chapter. p. 117.

At the foot of the page there is a certificate that this book was shown in a case, Reynold Dight versus the D. & C. of Wells, at Taunton, Oct. 14, 1667.

Then follow five blank pages and on

January 28, 1644, a Chapter is held, present the Dean, Dr. Wood, Dr. Crighton, and Roger Wood, which confirms the lease of Chard for 21 years to Arthur Mattock and Alexander Jett, and of some lands in Banwell. p. 121.

The entry is imperfect and is the last, leaving two thirds of the volume blank, with the exception of three or four fragmentary notes of the year 1671.

EXTRACTS FROM THE NEXT VOLUME OF CHAPTER ACTS.

A.D. 1684, May 7.—After the ordinary chapter business is ended it is ordered as follows:—

"Since all the indulgence of the Throne, and all the mildnesse of the Church cannot oblige the Dissenters of this Kingdome to their Duty, but that they still foment designs to lay them both in one common ruine; and since it is unequall that those Persons should enjoy the Lands of the Church, and the Blessing of that Tenure who despise her Laws and professe themselves her Enemies. . . . That for the future no Persons whatsoever who hold any Estate from the Dean and Chapter of this Cathedral Church, either by Lease or Copy,

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shall be admitted to renew or purchase any further interest in any such estate, unlesse a certificate be first brought to the Chapter under the hand of the Minister of their Parish, that they doe live in obedience to his Majestie's Lawes, and that they have received the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, within a yeare next before their admission to make any such purchase; or that the Chapter by some other way be ascertained of such conformity of ye purchasers.

Oct. 23.—£50 part of Dr. Busby's legacy of £100 to the Library is lent upon bond to Rev. Mr. Sandys for half a year.

Dec. 9.—Letter of King Charles recommending the Rev. Thomas Kenn, D.D., and one of the Chaplains in Ordinary, to be elected Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Several entries about the process of election. The names of the Residentiaries and Prebendaries, 12 in number, who are present are given.

Feb. 6.—The Enthronisation of Bp. Kenn.

March 2.—Letter congratulatory from the Chapter to King James on his accession.

A.D. 1685, May 4.—Civil war having broken out under the Duke of Monmouth, and the Duke of Somerset, Lord Lieutenant, being in want of money and men, through the negligence and desertion of the military, the Chapter lend £100 to the Duke of Somerset.

July 1.—Note made between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m. in the Chapter House where were present T. Holt the Chancellor and Nich. Nebbert, Notary:—

"The Civil War still grows, this Cathedral Church has suffered very grievously from the rebel fanatics who have this very morning laid hands upon the furniture thereof, have almost utterly destroyed the organ, and turned the sacred building into a stable for horses."

The Chapter meeting is therefore adjourned to July 29th, before which time it is hoped that the nefarious rebellion will be utterly put down.

"Nor was the President of the Chapter deceived in his expectation, for that happy day the 6 of July put an end to the rebellion at Weston Zoyland in this county.

Deus Deus nobis hæc otia fecit."

A.D. 1685, Oct. 7.—£20 is ordered to be paid to Mrs. Frideswide Creyghton, wife of Canon Rt. Creyghton, because £20 was extorted from her, on July 1, when the late rebels army under the late Duke of Monmouth lay in the City, by their Commissary General Sam Story, under a threat that, if not paid, not only the Cathedral Church but also the Canons houses would suffer violence.

Oct. 20.—£4 out of Dr. Busby's legacy of £30 to the church, is paid away for a new silver verge to replace one stolen by the rebels on July 1.

And £10 is given to James (*Willee?*) the Sacrist, for his good service in having preserved the Ornaments and Plate of the Church from the rebels on July 1.

A.D. 1685, Jan. 7.—It is ordered that the Library be repaired and beautified out of Dr. Busby's legacy as he desired.

A.D. 1686, Oct. 21. £500 had been expended during the last half year upon the repairs of the fabric. The roof of the nave had been in a bad state.

A.D. 1687, Oct. 25.—Notwithstanding any Act of Chapter heretofore made, the D. and C. in consideration of the perverseness and unkindness of several of their tenants, are to be at liberty to grant reversions without the consent of the tenant in possession.

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A.D. 1691, July 8.—Royal letters about the election of a Bishop, the see being vacant by the deprivation of Bp. Kenn, for refusing to take the oath prescribed by the Act of Parliament.

Sept. 10.—Walter Hart, Prebendary of Ashill, and on Sept. 29 Samuel Thomas, Prebendary of Compton Episcopi, are deprived for refusing to take the oath.

Sept. 28.—Installation of Bishop Kidder.

A.D. 1703, Jan. 19.—The Fast Day for "the storm," when Bp. Kidder and his wife were killed by the fall of a chimney stack.

FOUR YEARS of the REGISTER of THOMAS GODWIN, Bishop of Bath & Wells, from A.D. 1584–1590.

A paper book of 68 pages, containing 201 entries. The pages are not numbered, but the entries are.

1. A grant by the Bp. to John Boys, armiger, of the Middle Temple, in consideration of his services in the past and to be given hereafter, of an annuity for life of £2 secured upon the Bp's. Manor of Westbury. Jan. 20, A.D. 1586.

2. A letter from the Bp. to the Queen, in Latin, praying her to restrain certain persons (not named) who in contempt of law and right have impeded and disturbed Thomas Manton, duly presented to the Vicarage of Wollavington by Sir George Sydenham, and duly inducted thereinto, so that the liberties of the Church may be in safety under the defence of her shield.

Given at Banwell, April 28, A.D. 1587.

3. Licence granted by the Bp. under the Statute to William Charleton, of Shepton Mallet, who is well reported of by doctors of excellent repute for diligence and success in many serious cases of sickness, (multis de vita desperantibus ac de salute corporis vere periclitantibus Deo Omnipotente Adjutore) to practice in the diocese during pleasure.

At Banwell, May 2.

4. Edmund Wattes, M.A., admitted domestic Chaplain by the Bp. June 20.

5. Grant by the Bp. of an annuity for life of £2 to Thomas Edgerton, of Lincoln's Inn, armiger, for his services. May 8.

6. The Bp. of B. & W. to Archbp. John, to certify him that he has appointed Thomas Godwin, generosus, Collector of the benevolence of 3d in the pound, upon all church revenues within the province of Canterbury, granted to the Queen by the last Convocation held at Westminster on March 4, A.D. 1586.

At Banwell, May 8, A.D. 1587.

7. A similar certificate, dated at Banwell, May 8, A.D. 1588.

8. A similar certificate, dated at Banwell, May 3, A.D. 1589.

9. A royal brief addressed to the Bp. desiring a certificate to be sent to the Barons of the Exchequer with the names of all persons instituted to any ecclesiastical preferment between Sept. 8, anno regni 28, and the Easter following, with dates of institution, name of place, with county, and deanery.

Test, Sir Roger Manwood at Westminster, Feb. 13, anno regni 29.

FFRANCIS FFLOWER, deput.
CHR. HATTON.

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10. The Bp's. answer, with the following Schedule.
At Banwell, May 8, A.D. 1587.

A.D. 1586.

11. Oct. 4. Thomas Big, admitted to Standerwick R.
12. Nov. 8. Francis Arundell to Cheddar V.
13. Oct. 16. Abraham Conham, B.D., to Ilton prebend.
14. Nov. 18. John Smarte to Hardington R.
15. Nov. 19. William Prior to Culve R.
16. Jan. 13. Francis Godwyn, M.A., to S. Decuman's prebend.
17. Jan. 20. William Webbe to Beckington R.
18. Jan. 23. Henry Beamont, B.D., to Kingston al^s Pitney R, on the presentation of John FitzJames of Leweston in Dorset, who had the Advowson from William Carent of Tomer.
19. Jan. 23. John Seward, M.A., to Trent R.
20. Jan. 30. Mathew Sutcliffe, D.L., to Archd^ry Taunton and Milverton II. prebend.
21. Feb. 3. Richard Wood, D.D., to Yatton prebend.
22. Feb. 22. Edward Doughtie, M.A., to Loxton R.
23. March 1. Silvester Badcock to Hawkridge R.
24. March 2. John Willmot to Radington R.
25. March 6. John Powell to Shapwick V.
26. March. 6. John Penvyn, M.A., to Badgworth R.
27. March 24. William Wickham, M.A., to Combe VII. preb.

A.D. 1587.

28. April 1. John Wilkinson, M.A., to Babcarie R.
29. April 12. William Slatear, to Tyckenham V.

30. A dispensation granted by the Bp. to the Chapter to elect Francis Godwyn, a prebendary, to be a residentiary, notwithstanding the statute made by the late Bp. Gilbert, restricting the number of residentiaries to 8.
At Banwell, Apr. 2, A.D. 1587.

31. Licence to William Hill, M.A., to be a preacher in the vulgar tongue, and in Latin, in any suitable Churches and places in the diocese.
At Banwell, Aug. 16, A.D. 1587.

32. Licence granted by the Bp. to Edward White of Wells to practise as a doctor.
Given at Wells, April 20, A.D. 1585.

33. Confirmation by the Bp. to Thomas Brigham of Caversham in Oxford of his right in the Advowson of Asheburie Rectory, Berks, which he has derived from Roger Baylie of Dorchester in Dorset, to whom it had been granted for 21 years by the late Bishop Gilbert, 22 Eliz.
Given at Banwell, Oct. 2, A.D. 1587.

34. Robert Godwyn, B.A., ordained deacon in the Bp.'s chapel at Banwell on Oct. 29, A.D. 1587.

35. Licence to preach granted to Philip ffrye, clerk, of Thurloxton.
At Banwell, Nov. 17, A.D. 1587.

36. Certificate by the Bp. that he has admitted Joseph Collier, B.A., to be his private chaplain, in accordance with the statute for the appointment of the private chaplains of noble men.
At Banwell, Nov. 10, A.D. 1587.

37. Licence to preach granted to Edmund Brickenden, M.A.
At Banwell, Oct. 23, A.D. 1587.

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38. Licence to Edward Pynes, clerk, to serve in any parish church in the diocese.
At Banwell, Dec. 28, A.D. 1587.

39. Certificate by the Bp. that he had on Dec. 28, in the parish church of Banwell, admitted to the Diaconate and immediately after to the Priesthood, Thomas Wood, B.A., of S. John's College, Cambridge.
At Banwell, Dec. 28, A.D. 1587.

40. Licence to the same T. Wood to preach. Same date.

41. Licence to Mr. John Snowe, parson of Kingston Seymer, to celebrate marriage between John Badman and Alice Hannam of Yatton, during the prohibited season. The banns have been duly published.
Given at Banwell, Feb. 18, A.D. 1587.
This entry is in English.

42. In the Bp's manor house at Banwell between 9 and 11 o'clock on Feb. 5, A.D. 1587, Thomas Wells, curate of Brean, was thrice cited and pronounced contumacious for not appearing. He presented himself after midday and was absolved. No statement of the case.

43. Licence similar to No. 41, granted to Th. Jenkyns, curate of Naylsey.

44. Royal brief similar to No. 9. Dated Feb. 12.

45. Similar to No. 10. Dated April 13, A.D. 1588.

A.D. 1587.
46. June 8. William Marter to Walcotte R.
47. July . Christopher Perin, M.A., to Rympton R.
48. July 2. Francis Godwyn, M.A., to Weston in Zoyland V.
49. Nov. 28. Thomas Powell to Fiddington R.
50. Dec. 1. Philip Frye to West Monucton R.
51. Dec. 2. Thomas Crane, M.A., to South Cadburie R.
52. Jan. 8. Hugo Davyes to Brockley R.
53. Jan. 17. Rowland Burrell to Brumpton Ralph R.
54. Feb. 16. Henry Kindar to Coledge R.
55. March 3. Robert Carr, M.A., to Thorn Faulcon R.
56. March 3. Richard Yeem to Buckland Dinham V.
57. March 3. Thomas Jenkin to Backwell R.

A.D. 1588.
58. Mar. 29. John Gibbes, B.A., to Northcorie V.
59. April 1. George Darbye, B.A., to Ernishill R.
N.B. There were some institutions and admissions during the Archiepiscopal Visitation, but we have not the names.

60. Certificate by the Bp. of the admission to the diaconate and priesthood of William Luffe, in the chapel in the Palace at Wells, on April 5.
Given April 10, A.D. 1588.

61. Similar to the last. Thomas Merest, B.A., is ordained.

62. Similar to No. 36. But J. Collier is now M.A.
Given at Banwell, Aug. 22, A.D. 1588.

63. Licence to Joseph Collier to be a preacher. Same date.

64. Similar to No. 36 in favour of Richard Dodde, M.A.
Given at Banwell, June 20, A.D. 1588.

65. Similar to No. 63, in favour of R. Dodde. Same date as last.

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66. Licence to Thomas Knight of Yatton and Johanna Crooker of Cheddar, who have entered into a contract of marriage in the parish church of Kingston Seymer, to be married without banns.
Given at Banwell, Sept. 13, A.D. 1588.

67. Similar to No. 63, in favour of Thomas Wythers, nuper rector of Roade. Sept. 20, A.D. 1588.

68. Similar to No. 60, in favour of Robert Parkes, M.A., ordained in the private chapel at Banwell. Sept. 7.
Given at Banwell, Sept. 10, A.D. 1588.

69. Similar certificate of the admission of Robert Godwyn, B.A., to the priesthood in the private chapel at Banwell on Sept. 27, A.D. 1588.

70. Grant by the Bp. of an annuity of £10 to John de Cardenas, al^s Carcenas, al^s Ciprian.
Given at Banwell, Oct. 30, A.D. 1588.

71. Similar to No. 60, in favour of John Wyatt, literate, admitted to the diaconate in the private chapel at Banwell, Nov. 1.

72. Similar to No. 63, in favour of John Wynter, at Banwell, Nov. 1, A.D. 1588.

73. Similar to No. 60, in favour of Hugh Collins, B.A., ordained deacon, in the private chapel at Banwell, Edward Doughtie, M.A., assisting. Nov. 3, A.D. 1588.

74. Similar to No. 63, in favour of John Trustram, clerk, of Chew Magna. Jan. 7, A.D. 1588.

75. Similarly Henry Beeny, Vicar of Stanton Drew. Same date.

76. Similar to No. 60, in favour of John Wyatte, deacon, admitted to the priesthood in the parish church of Banwell on March 25, A.D. 1589.

77. Similarly Thomas Collier, B.A.

78. and Thomas Lewis, Literate, admitted at the same time deacons.

79. Similar to No. 60, in favour of John Rowse, on the same day.

80, 81. Similar to No. 9 and 10.

A.D. 1588.

82. May 10. Thomas Clapham admitted to Yatton V.
83. May 20. Thomas Methwyne to Norton Phi. V. with Henton Chapelry.
84. May 30. Edward Tynes to Combe XV. prebend.
85. June 19. John Hurford to Orchard R.
86. July 8. Evan Owen to Camely R.
87. July 12. William Clement to Ingashecombe V. in Bath Deanery.
88. Aug. 9. John Morgan to Exforde R.
89. Oct. 15. Thomas Jones, M.A., to Buckland Dinham prebend.
90. Oct. 18. Anthony Eglesfield, M.A., to Chewton V.
91. Oct. 23. Tobias Walkwood, M.A., to Beckington R.
92. Oct. 25. Robert Pynne to Oacke R.
93. Oct. 25. Simon Mathew, M.A., to Exton R.
94. Oct. 26. John Bourne, M.A., to Shalford R.
95. Oct. 28. Laurence Uppington to Withycombe R.
96. Oct. 31. Edmund Brickenden to East Quantox R.
97. Dec. 17. Thomas Higgings to Barton Davyd R.

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98. Jan. 14. Robert Bagnald, B.A., to Roade R.
99. Feb. 4. John Langworth, S.T.P., to Archdeaconry of Wells.
100. March 6. Ralph Rixton, B.A., to Kingsdon R.
101. March 6. Samuel Brookes to Buckland Dinham V.
102. March 8. Richard Martyn, M.A., to Rympton R.
103. March 12. Anthony Eglesfield, M.A., to Chewton V.
104. March 21. Guydon Clinton, B.A., to Hornebloten R.
105. March 22. John Paige to Berrow R.
A.D. 1589.
106. March 28. John Rowse to Lymington R.
A.D. 1588.
107. March 14. Robert Wolfall, M.A., to Weston in Zoyland V.

108. Thomas Collier ordained priest in the private chapel at Banwell, in the presence of W. Marston, precentor of Exeter, and Joseph Collier. May 8, A.D. 1589.

109. Similar to No. 60, in favour of William Gylberte, M.A., and Robert Tynley, M.A., ordained in the parish Church of Banwell. May 18, A.D. 1589.

110. Similar to No. 63, in favour of John Dickin, B.A. April 19.

111. Timothy Maye, B.A., ordained deacon in the private Chapel at Banwell. June 29.

112. Robert Potter, literate, ordained deacon in the parish Church of Banwell. July 6.

113. Similar to No. 60, in favour of Robert Traske in the parish Church of Banwell on Sunday, July 13.

114. Licence to preach granted to W. Parr, B.A. Aug. 3.

115. Similar to No. 113, in favour of Henry Parry, M.A., and John Walmesley, B.A. April 24, A.D. 1589.

116, 117. Similar to No. 9, 10.

118, 119, 120 are the same as No. 104, 105, 106.

A.D. 1589.
121. April 11. William Dicke to Elworthy R.
122. April 19. John Dirkin, M.A., to Monnksilver R.
123. April 30. Richard Thomas to High Littleton V.
124. May 14. Robert Peerse to Sanford Orcas R.
125. May 19. Robert Cooke, B.A., to Foxcote R.
126. May 22. William Pymme to Kilton V.
127. June 14. John Baber, M.A., to Chew Magna V. on the presentation of Katherine, widow of Edward Baber, Esqr of Chew.
128. July 2. Thomas Pembridge, M.A., to Skilgate R.
129. July 5. William Marsson, B.L., to Combe I. prebend.
130. July 26. William Whitlocke, M.A., to Dultingcote prebend.
131. Sept. 2. Edward Hill to Wheathill R.
132. Sept. 23. George Roche to Combe Abbas R.

133. Similar to No. 113 in favour of James Millerd, M.A., in the private chapel at Banwell. Sept. 26, A.D. 1589.

134. Similar to No. 113, in favour of Thomas Basden, M.A. Oct. 12, A.D. 1589.

135. Similar to No. 134, in favour of Henry Symons, B.A. Jan. 9, A.D. 1589.

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136. Similar to No. 135, in favour of William Osborne, B.A., scholar. Jan. 18.

137–147. From Sept. 27 to Jan. 25. Robert Carr, R. of Thornefalcon; Hugh Pyggot; Th. Rocke; Roderick Luellyn R. of North Stoke; Wm South, S.T.P.; Gerson Davys, M.A.; Wm Chessall, B.A.; Wm Dicke, R. of Elworthy; Rt Hooper R. of Chewstoke; John Powell, V. of Shapwick; John Walhell, Curate of Cranmer; are licensed to preach.

148, 149. Similar to No. 113, in favour of Thomas Jeay, M.A., on Feb. 8, and Henry Wills, scholar, Feb. 15.

150. Licence to preach to Thomas Collier, B.A., curate of Mells. March 20.

151–155. Are all ordinations, viz., of Walter Hussey, William Cable, Samuel Davies, John Hallet, B.A.

156, 157. Similar to No. 9, 10.

A.D. 1589.

158. Sept. 23. George Roche to Combe Abbas R.
159. Oct. 17. John Wynter to Crowcombe R.
160. Oct. 18. Hugo Collins, M.A., to Compton Pauncefote.
161. Nov. 22. John Trustram to Easton in Gordano V.
162. Dec. 11. Walter Brian to Butcombe R.
163. Dec. 19. Roger Gode, D.D., to S. Decuman's prebend.
164. Dec. 19. Francis Godwyn, M.A., to Combe VIII. prebend.
165. Dec. 23. Thomas Manton, M.A., to be Chancellor in the Cathedral.
166. Jan. 4. Francis Godwyn, M.A., to Porlock R.
167. Jan. 15. John Wyat to Priston R.
168. Jan. 25. Morgan Jones to Whateley R.
169. Feb. 6. Thomas Thackam to Inglishcombe V.
170. Feb. 27. Robert Godwyn, B.A., to Dinder prebend.
171. March 12. The same Robert Godwyn, B.A., to Kingston Seymer R.

A.D. 1590.

172. April 13. John Hallet, B.A., to Pendomer R.

173–179. Are all ordinations in the Church of Banwell, viz., Cadwallader Hughes and Christopher Whitle, M.A.s.; Jonas Lacy, M.A.; Richard Eborne, literate; Alex. Emmotte, B.A.; Wm. Whitlocke, M.A.; Robert Lutley, literate; James Smarte, scholar; between May 24 and Sept. 27.

180–201. Are all licences to preach from April 1 to April 23, A.D. 1590, to Rd. Martyn, M.A., Th. Clapham, Rd. Thomas, John Printer, John Cough, Alex. Spraggote, Arthur Colynge, M.A., Th. Cooke, M.A., Hen. Sotherton, M.A., Wm. Evans, Swithin Samborne, M.A., John Wyat, Edmund Watts, M.A., Wm. Jones, Edward Dowghtye, M.A., Thomas Keen, B.A., John Penven, M.A., John Parsons, B.L., Edmund Burton, M.A., James Dugdall, M.A., John Davidge, M.A., Owen Griffith.

An acknowledgment by Thomas Millewgan, curate of Ilchester, given at Bruton, July 31, A.D. 1593, that he had received this book and left it with his lord (dominum meum).

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A small parcel containing 12 loose documents in a suit between Gyles Hunt to whom Dean Creighton had let the Deanery for three years from Oct. 6. 12 Car. II., and Dr. Cornelius Burges. The Defendant had ejected the said G. Hunt by force.

Several of the papers state the Dean's claim to the house, describing the foundation of the Deanery by Bp. Robert—the surrender made by Dean William Fitzwilliam in 1 E. VI., which being contrary to the Statutes of the church, and the Dean's oath, was confirmed the same year by an Act of Parliament, which dissolved both the Deanery and the Archdeaconry of Wells—the grant made of these by the king on July 9, 1 E. VI., to the Duke of Somerset—the bargain made in 4 E. VI., between the said Duke and Bp. William, for the exchange of the Bp's Palace for the Deanery—the restoration of the Palace to the Bp. on the attainder of the Duke, and possession of the Deanery given to the King 6 E. VI. The document goes on to state that it would seem that the Deanery was then given to Dean Goodman, for in the suit March 21, 3 Eliz. between Goodman and Turner, the said Goodman is removed "a Decanatu ac a domo mansionali ejusdem." Since that time it has remained in the possession of the succeeding Deans.

The list of Jurymen is given, but not the result.

The parcel also contains the following valuation of the Deanery in A.D. 1649.

"All that capital Messuage or Mansion House with the appurtenances &c. &c. consisting of a ffayre gate house at the south entrance thereof, with lodgings over the same, together with one large Hall, two ffayre Parlours, a large Kitchen, Buttery, Larders, and Cellars, with divers other necessary Roomes below Stayres, a faire Dyning roome, and many Lodging roomes with a large Gallerye over the same, a large Stable, and Coachhouse, and other outhouses, £210.

"Mem. The materialls of the said mansion house, the taking downe and severing the same being deducted, are valued att £210.

"All those orchards, gardens, and backsydes, with the appurtenances adjoyning and belonging to the last mentioned premisses as a parcell and member thereof encompassed with a high stone wall and devided with severall stone walls for conveniency thereof, conteyning by estimation Three Acres more or less, per annum £9.

"Mem. All the premisses above-mentioned are by virtue of a graunt from Mr. Edward Carle and Joseph Hill, Agents to the Committee of the Countie of Somersett, in the occupation of John Burgesse, gent., for one year to end the 15th of March 1650 att the yearly Rent of £10."

There is a similar document in which the materials of the Chapter House are valued at £160.

Upon a loose sheet of paper there is a copy of the Resolutions of the Grand Committee upon the Bill of Sales touching the purchase of Bishops' and Chapter lands.

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Among some loose papers the following occurs—

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p. 2. After the said certificate William Fitzwilliam, Deane of Wells, did graunte and surrender to King Ed. 6 the office of Deane and part of the mannors and lands belonging by deed acknowledged but not inrolled vizt.:

13 Martii, 1 E. 6.—Willelmus Fitzwilliam decanus Ecclesie Cathedral Wellen: in com: Soms^t sciatis me prefatum decanum certis de causis et consiliis me ad presens specialiter moventibus, dedisse, concessisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse domino nostro Edwardo 6 Regi, &c. totum decanatum meam ecclesie Cathedralis Wellen predict: ac totum officium et dignitatem meum decanatus Ecclesie Cathedralis Wellen: predicti ac omnia illa dominia et maneria mea de Marke Modesley Wedmore et More ac hundredum meum de Bempston cum omnibus et singulis suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis, ac omnes illas Rectorias et Ecclesias meas de Marke et More, et Prebendam meam de Byddesham, ac totam illam capellam meam, de Biddisham cum omnibus et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Som: Ac omnia advocationes, &c. de Marke et More, ac prebendam et capellam de Byddesham. Necnon omnia et singula messuagia domos edificia & cum pertinentiis in Marke, Modesley, Wedmore, More, Bempston, et Biddesham in *dicto* comit Soms^t ac alibi ubicunque in eodem comitatu seu in aliquo alio comitatu dictis dominiis, Maneriis, Rectoris, &c., spectantibus, &c. Ac etiam omnia et singula alia dominia, maner:, Rector:, Prebend:, &c., &c. . . . ubicunque infra regnum Anglie dicto decanatui et officio et dignitati decanatus ecclesie Cathedralis Wellen quoquomodo spectantia, &c. Habond prefato domino nostro regi Edwardo 6 heredibus, assig:, suis in perpetuum.

[Chyle, p. 153.]

Capt et recog coram me Ed. North, Milt. Cancellar, curæ Augmentationum, &c., xvi. Martii, Anno 1 E. 6.

COMMUNA ACCOUNTS.

Archdeacon Archer in his Chronicon Wellense, written at the beginning of the last century (the MS. is kept in the Cathedral Library) gives information about the number of Canons resident from year to year, which must it seems have been derived from Communa Rolls, for 49 years between the years A.D. 1327–1539. But of these 49 Rolls there are now to be found only 25 and 2 more which are not noted in his list.

The earliest of these rolls is for the year A.D. 1327–8.

Computus Johannis Plemstok Communarii Eccl: Wellen: a festo S Michaelis A.D. 1327 usque ad idem festum sequens.

Arrears of the preceding year, 216*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*

Total receipts from arrears of the Chapter Manors after payments of debt to W. de Pencrich, late Seneschal, and others 294*l.* 18*s.* 10¾*d.*

Of this sum 294*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* is divided equally among 16 canons resident during that year, leaving 2¾*d.* as a gift to the Communar.

Receipts from all the Chapter Manors, and Rectories let to farm, 595*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* A list is given of the separate items.

		£	s.	d.
Expenses.	In Communa Canonicorum per ann: -	185	10	8
	In processionibus eorundem: - -	4	8	8

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	£	s.	d.
In Communa Vicariorum per ann: -	57	18	8
„ Vicarii S. Cuthberti -	1	10	4
„ Magistri Scolarum - -	1	10	4
„ Capellanorum B. Marie -	2	5	6
„ Clericorum custodient: Ecclesiam - - -	2	12	0
„ Monachorum et Brevectorum - - -		8	5
In Rogationibus - - - -		5	10
In Reliquiis deferendis - - -			8
Solut: Canonico de Northcory - -	1	0	0
„ distributori vini - - -		2	0
In communa Ep^i Innocentium et Canonicorum suorum - - - -		2	9
Solut portantibus Exennium S. Dunstani			8
„ in obitu Ep^i. Jocelini - -	1	0	0
„ in oleo empto - - -		1	4
„ in Crismate querendo apud Kynggesbury - - - -		2	0
„ pro domibus Vicarii de S. Cuthberto		6	8
In stipend unius capellani celebrantis unum annuale pro anima Will^i Ep^i: senioris - - - -	2	10	0
In obitu ejusdem in pane pauperum -	2	10	0
In obitu regis Ricardi - - -	1	0	0
In vino empto pro cena et die Pasche -		8	8
In vino empto per annum - -	1	19	0

Many entries of expenses for obits, &c., in each of which the Chaplain, the Communar for his trouble, and the Sacrist for ringing the bell, are paid, and the poor receive bread.

Solut pro medietate decime dn° Regi per unum annum in Anglia a clero concesse 18*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* (but part of the figures are rubbed out and it may be 15*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*) with a list of the churches, &c., on which the payment is made.

	s.	d.
In dono subvicecomiti - - - - -	10	0
In cirotecis emptis pro eodem - - - -		6
In clerico ejusdem - - - - -	3	4
Pro procuratione dñi Hugonis de Engolisma pro sexto anno more sue in Anglia - - - -	7	0
Pro acquietancia 2*d.*; in dicta pecunia London deferenda 2*s.* - - - - - - -	2	2

There are several sums paid also for journeys to Stoke-sub-Hamedon.

	£	s.	d.
Pro viridi cera per manus Rogeri atte Wall ballivi per acquietancias dicti Rogeri - - - -	4	0	0
Several small sums paid to bailiffs, messengers, &c.			
Joh^i Brown, eunti Curiam Regiam apud Northampton pro brevibus impetrandis in negotiis Manerii de Knappe - - - - - -		13	4
Joh^i Manshupe attornato existenti in Cur: dñi Regis apud Ebor - - - - - -	1	6	7
Joh^i Coke deferenti litteras Capituli apud Ebor : -		2	6
In expensis dñi Thesaurarii versus Gloucestre in negotiis capituli - - - - -		10	2

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	£	s.	d.
Several similar expenses and pensions follow, e.g.,			
Solut: Magistro Laurentio de la Barre pro expensis suis et negotiis Capituli in parliamento apud Northampton - - - - -	3	0	0
Clerico scribenti Registrum - - - -		6	8
In pergameno empto pro eodem et litteris pro generali convocatione - - - - - -		2	0
In expensis dñi Willi: de Codeworth euntis apud Sarum ad explorandum de consuetudine vacationis decanatus ibidem - - - - - -		2	6
Several more obits.			

Total 373*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*

A list of monies still due to the Communar.

Another short list of expenses, in which are the following entries:—

	£	s.	d.
Dño: Ricardo de Rodenye studenti apud Grauntebrigg (ex-gratia canonicorum (much blotted) hoc anno residenti -	10	0	0
Bartholomeo de Welynton pro roba sua hoc anno - -	1	6	8

Balance, 367*l.* 5*s.* 9½*d.*, et sic erit portio 15 canonicorum hoc anno residentium, 24*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*, et 9*d.* dat communario.

The names of the 15 canons resident.

The roll for A.D. 1343–4, John Cammel, communar.

Begins with arrears 341*l.* 10*s.*, which are divided among 17 canons resident.

The boy bishop is now called "parvus episcopus."

4lbs. of wax are bought for the obsequies of Isabella la Courtenya, and J. de Bello Campo.

There is paid to the Prior of Tanton, collector for the Cardinal, for the temporalities and spiritualities of the Cathedral, 6*s.* 10¼*d.* at ¼*d.* in the 1*l.*

To Raymond pagño papal nuncio, for his first year, 7*s.*

For the building of the Chancel of S. Cuthbert's, 20*l.*, besides the 20*l.* 9*s.* 9¾*d.* given in the last account.

In dono Decani et Capituli juratoribus hundredi de Northcory existent coram Willº Thorp et sociis suis justiciariis dni Regis apud Wellen: 13*s.* 4*d.*

Solut dño. Epº: pro dedicatione magni altaris de Stoke, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

In expensis unius garcionis euntis usque Marlebergh cum littera dñi Hen: de Carleton ad inquirendum de adventu dñe regine, 12*d.*

Solut pro quodam amerciamento in Curia de Wylton quia Decanus non fecit personalem sectam ad dictam curiam pro Bikenalre, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Item Willº de Worstane advocato Decani et capituli in Curia Cantuar: pro pensione sua de anno isto, 2*l.*

Total expenses, 415*l.* 15*s.* 5¾*d.*

Other arrears due come to 425*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* Sundry other expenses are allowed, leaving a balance of 413*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* to be divided among 19 canons resident, whose names are given.

The account is carried on upon the back of this roll.

		£	s.	d.
Expenses.	Paid to the Fabric - - - -	7	0	0
	„ Master of the School - -	1	6	8
	„ Custos of the Organ - -		13	4
	„ for mending the Organ - -			
	„ Carbon - - - -		2	9

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	£	s.	d.
Pro tabula dominicale, 2½*d.* In vercegros ad idem, ½*d.*; in factura, 2*d.*			5
In 15 litteris illuminandis super unam legendam pro Wynescombe - - - - -		1	3
For writing the said legenda, 10*d.*; for binding it, 3*d.* -		1	1
For mending four big bells in two clocheria - -		2	0
For mending the "Clapar" of the bell called "Maria" -		1	0
For mending diverse bells in the great clocherium -		1	0
For mending two bells in the campanile versus curiam dni decani - - - - - -		1	6
For a clapper for the bell called "Peter" - -		2	0
For a baudrip for the big bell called "Buttone" -			6
For a clapper for the bell called "Buttone" - -		3	0
For new hanging the bell called "Donston" - -		2	6
There are several other entries similar to the above, but no other names of bells. Total, 10*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*			

A new form of entry follows here (Belrich is Berlich or Barlinch of later rolls.)

Belrich. Idem respondet de 57*s.* 2¾*d.* de arr anni precedentis.

Et de 25*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* recept de Belrich, 10*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in festo S. Andree Apl: 70*s.* (a word torn off) Martir; 6*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in festo Nat. S. Joh^s Bapt:, et 106*s.* 8*d.* primo die Septembris, &c., &c.

Total receipts under this entry 39*l.* 11*s.* 6¾*d.*

Further expenditure on obits follows next, and is the last entry on this roll, but there are attached to it two small documents. One an order from John de Cristeltone, clerk of the Dean, for the correction of offences found in his visitation, addressed to Hugh, perpetual Vicar of Donden, ordering him to cite certain persons named to appear before him, and make answer to certain charges (not specified). The other is an order to John Abbe, of Northcory, to restore certain tithes which he confesses he has taken.

The next Roll is for A.D. 1393–4. John Barington, communar.

A new entry in this Roll among the receipts is "feodi sigilli et alicorum rerum."

Idem de 40*s.* rec: de Th: Croke de Malmesbury pro feodo sigilli super confirmatione facta per capitulum super manumissione sua; et de 5*s.* rec: de W. Westerely nuper magistro scolarum nomine decime; et de 4*d.* de armigero succentoris nomine oblationum suarum per annum.

Among the obits is one for King Edward and Queen Margaret.

Among the expenses a payment of 7*s.* to the papal nuncio for the fourth year of his mission; for one half of the tenth to the King, 17*l.* 19*s.* 3½*d.*

The sum divided among 20 canons (named) comes to 15*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* each.

A new item among the expenses is an ell of canefas bought pro velo dedicationis et una parva campana, 9*d.*

In 2 candelabris magnis eneis ad magnum altare, ultra 20*s.* quos dni decanus et Gregory Botteley dederunt, et 70*s.* quos Joh^s Tyntenhull dedit, 51*s.* et sic est pretium - - - - - -	7*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*
For repairs to the hanging of the bell "Harewell" -	2*s.* 10*d.*
In linea tela ad magnum altare - - -	2*s.* 7*d.*
For repairs to the clapper "Majoris Harewell" -	10*s.* 1*d.*
For repairs "magnorum organorum" - - -	1*s.* 0*d.*

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Another new entry among the expenses is that of a stipend of 1*l.* to the boys who sing the Antiphon in honor B. Mary in the nave of the church; and a payment of 16*s.* 8*d.* for wax candles in the nave and behind the high altar.

The next Roll is A.D. 1394–5. John Bonyngdon, communar.

The entries are very much the same as in the last. Among the expenses, solut: fact: dño Waltero Wynkalton pro quadam fine facta per Joh^m Russel apud Eboracum coram justiciariis dni Regis nomine capituli pro eo quod quidam Henricus Grey nativus Decani et Capituli aligavit quod injuste fuit incarceratus ac de bonis suis spoliatus per eosdem, 3*s.* 3*d.*;

The allowance to each of 20 canons (named) this year is 13*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*

Upon the back of the roll among the expenses there is another purchase of an ell of canefas pro velo dedicationis ecclesie et una parva campana empta, 9*d.*

Item in reparatione Jhesuscote, 4*d.*

There are repairs ad hostium Caivete communarii ad opus ecclesie pro diversis munimentis custodiendis &c., and lock and key, and bars, and two pair of gemewes (hinges) &c.

Repairs also in the hanging of the three new bells "pendentes in vetere campanile boriale," for which, besides money, the workmen receive "nonsynch" (?nunch, lunch). In ligatura ij portifer magnorum iacontium in choro in parte Decani de novo et tabbo pro eisdem 6*s.* &c.

A very common entry of sums of money given "in regardo" has now become "in rewardo."

The cost of wax for the candles in the nave and behind the High Altar is this year 16*s.* 9*d.*, quia cera carior est solito.

The next Roll is A.D. 1400–1. John Bonyngdon, communar.

Wine for the Altar this year costs 2*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.*, in the beginning of the year it costs 8*d.* per lagenam, afterwards 6*d.* There is the usual entry of wine "in cena Domini et in die Pasch." 9*s.* 9*d.* at 6*d.* per lag.

John Russel receives for his labour in London, in the time of the Parliament, on behalf of the chapter 13*s.* 4*d.*, and Richard Bruton for his expenses at the same time 5*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

There are many entries of legal expenses in connexion with property at Northcory, and houses, and also 11*s.* 10*d.* paid for meat and drink for the prior of Worcester and others at Pokelchurch, during two days, whither they had come on business in place of the Bishop, sede vacante.

To the servant of Sir Gilbert Denys for bringing "carnis ferine" from Pokelchurch to Wells for the canons residentiary, 2*s.*

There are several more entries about Pokelchurch; and the usual entries of payments to the King's and papal collectors.

Total payments, 425*l.* 7*s.* 5½*d.*, leaving for 16 canons resident to receive 24*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* each.

There are further entries as usual upon the back of the roll. Among the expenses, 6*s.* 8*d.* is paid "pro j drakone de novo fact ad portandum ante processionem in rogationibus."

"Item pro emendatione unius magne crucis cotidiane, et pro ymagine Sti Salvatoris in dicta cruce de novo deauranda, 6*s.* 8*d.* Item solut cuidam famulo dñe comitisse Cantie pro portatione duorum novorum pannorum de auro ex dono dicte comitisse pro sepulchro, 20*s.*

Also 2*s.* 8*d.* for bread and wine for the burgesses of the city when their seal was attached to the deed about Moner's house.

The payments for wax candles in the nave, and behind the High Altar before the cross there, and also for the 6 chaplains who celebrate at the Altar of S. Nicholas in the Chapel of B. Mary juxta claustrum are

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this year 16*s.* 7*d.*, at 6*d.* per lb. "et eo plus solito quia matutine in choro (in nocte in the next roll) dicuntur a festo S. Trinitatis usque ad Vincula S. Petri que solebant dici in die."

The next roll is A.D. 1407–8. Robert Burgh, communar.

Sir Gilbert Denys now appears as firmarius of Pokelchurch Church at 40*l.*

The entries for legal expenses are more than usual, in some cases against Humphry Stafford.

2*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* is paid to the Abbot of Clive, collector for the aid at 1½*d.* in the £, "ad curiam Romanam transmittend: in ultima convocatione prelatorum concess:"

Total expenditure, 416*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* Arrears due, 303*l.* 16*s.* 11½*d.*, leaving 20*l.* 0*s.* 6½*d.* each to 19 canons (named) after all debts are paid. Among the expenses upon the back of the roll, Edward Glover receives 20*d.* for making the Saviour's tunic "pro ludo in ebdomada Pasche.

Many of the books and vestments are repaired.

The messenger who brings a precious vestment given for the soul of the Lord de Lovall and de Holond receives 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The next roll is A.D. 1408–9. Robert Burgh, communar.

The Bishop's "pulpit," and the Dean's "stall" are repaired.

Two "chafferys" are bought for warming the hands of the priest when celebrating the High Mass, 21*d.*

In every roll there is an entry of the purchase of "pannum pro scaccario cooperiendo tempore compoti," 4*s.* 4*d.*

The next roll, A.D. 1414–5. Robert Burgh, communar.

Mentions the "Little Harewell" bell, and new hanging of 5 bells; and new clappers which are brought from Sherborne. The seneschal's expenses in going to Canterbury to treat with the exors. of Archbp. Arundell "pro diversis vestimentis habendis," 25*s.*

For mending the "Judas bell," 4*d.*

Paid to John, the organist of Gloucester, in part for a small organ, 6*s.*8*d.*

"Solut: pro ii virgis et ii Cathenis pro i portiphor et i psalterio ex dono magri Ricardi Drayton in choro continen: iii pedes, cuilibet, 3*s.* 9*d.* Item pro fusione iij gunnys cont: 40 lb., 7*s.* Item pro 14 lb. enois pro predic: 2*s.* 5*d.*

"Item pro lecterno ad supportand: librum juris canonicalis ex parte boreali chori, 2*s.* 5*d.*

"Pro ferro ad ligandum gunnas predictas, 16½*d.*

"Pro emendatione j pelvis vocat jurnel in medio chori et pro "auricalco ad idem, 2*s.* Et pro ij. cordulis pro pelve voc: jurnel, 4*d.*"

Roll, A.D. 1416–7. Robert Burgh, communar.

Among other expenses, "pro missis in capitulo per annum, 8*s.* 10*d.*

"Item in rewardo sacriste pro custodia cymbal, 3*s.* 4*d.*

"In rewardo Joh^i de Gloucester factori organorum, 14*s.* 4*d.*

"In rewardo Waltero Bageley, vicario pro organis custodiendis et in "eis ludendis, 10*s.*"

Roll, A.D. 1417–8. Robert Burgh, communar.

Among the expenses "in rewardo fact: vicario de Pokylcherch pro edificatione cancelle de Abbatyston ex precepto presidentis et capituli, 13*s.* 4*d.*

"Paid to the firmarius of South Barowe for repair of the chancel there, 3*s.* 5*d.*"

There are also entries about paving the via regia in the town before certain houses.

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Eleven canons resident receive 37*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* each.

Paid for 49 lbs. of wax for two great torticii 13 ft. long, 24*s.* 6*d.*, and for 5 lbs. of rosin and 9 lbs. of lichnus for the same, 4*s.* 9*d.*, and for making them, 2*s.*

For 2½ ells of various coloured silk to make a "sudarium ad circumveniendum corpus dominicum in festo corporis Christi," 4*s.* 2*d.*

"Item pro uno pip: de auro ad idem, 2*s.* 2*d.*

In addition to the usual entry pro toga S. Salvatoris pro ludo in Ebda Pasch, there is here "Et pro ij. barbis pro ij. palmers, 16*d.*

Also there is paid to John, organist, of Gloucester, for the great organ in the choir, and the organ in the chapel of B. Mary, 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* And as usual a payment of 20*s.* to the boys for singing the Antiphon in honour of B. Mary before her image by the door of the choir.

Roll, A.D. 1418–9. Robert Burgh, communar.

The vicar of Pokelchurch receives 13*s.* 4*d.* more in rewardo for his expenditure on the chancel of Abbatiston.

Roll, A.D. 1421–2. Robert Burgh, communar.

All the usual entries.

Roll, 1428–9. Nicholas Taunton, communar.

The vicar of Burnham is paid in rewardo, 6*s.* 8*d.*, for his trouble in coming diverse times to Wells, and bringing money for the manumission of John Hardyng, of Burnham.

16 canons receive 28*l.* 14*s.* 9½*d.* each.

Six staffs for the rectors of the choir are repaired and painted for 2*s.*

This roll is a double one and measures 10½ feet in length.

Roll, A.D. 1430–1. Thomas Chelyngton, communar.

The usual entry of money spent on the choristers dress this year takes the form "magistro choristarum pro 6 choristis et tribus tabular pro eorum vestura," 60*s.*

Candles are made, "de sepo."

15 canons receive 26*l.* 13*s.* 5¼*d.* each.

Roll, A.D. 1437–8. Thomas Chelyngton, communar.

The expenses of John the cursor of the church in riding to York to fetch the vestments bequeathed by the Lord Henry Bowet, 16*s.* 4*d.*

In one initial S of the word "Summa" in this roll is inscribed the legend "Auxilium meum a domino." In another "Quum canis os "rodit sociare pluribus odit." The latter belongs to the division of the surplus, 367*l.* 6*s.* 3¼*d.*, among the canons residentiary, who are this year only 13 in number.

The organist's fee is 6*s.* 8*d.*

Roll, A.D. 1445–6. John Pedewell, communar.

Roll, A.D. 1446–7. John Pedewell, communar.

The expenses of Stephen Morpath at Winchester at the trigesimale of the Lord Henry Beauford, Cardinal and Bishop there, when treating with the exors. of the said Cardinal, for one day and night, for 6 horses, 2 servants, and 3 documents (supplicationes) 5*s.* 5*d.*

12 canons receive 34*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* each.

14½ ells of Ruban lacys at Salisbury fair at 15*d.* the ell, 18*s.* 1½*d.*

This roll was produced A.D. 1667, Jan. 24, in the suit the D. and C. *v.* Charles Thirlby.

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Roll, A.D. 1448–9. John Pedewell, communar.

The expenses of the seneschal Alex Hody "in translatione S. Cuthberti" 5*s.* 5*d.*

11 canons receive 34*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* each.

Roll, A.D. 1449–50. John Pedewell, communar.

Expenses of William Ewell when sent to Salisbury to make inquiry about the arrival of French people (Gallorum populorum) at Southampton 2*s.*

Expenses of Thomas Coker when sent to Salisbury to make inquiry about the insurgents there ("insurrectoribus ibidem contra pacem") 3*s.* 4*d.*

John James is also sent to Salisbury on Sept. 23.

Expenses of the Lord de Bonvyle, Edward Hull, Walter Rodeney, John Wake, Alexander Hody, Richard Chock, and other noble men who came to Wells for the defence of the church of Wells, and its ministers 3*l.* 16*s.* 11¼*d.*

11 canons receive 35*l.* 13*s.* 7¾*d.* each.

The sacrist for his great labours in the exercise of his office in ringing the great bells in the western tower since the time of the ruin of the high tower "tempore decasus alte turris" receives 6*s.* 8*d.*, and 26*s.* 8*d.* for the four previous years.

Roll, A.D. 1455–6. John Pedewell, communar.

The repairs of the chancel of Modford Church, "quasi de novo fact:" cost 29*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*, under the superintendence of Mr. John Shelford.

13 canons receive 26*l.* 5*s.* 3¾*d.* each, after payment of 443*l.* 4*s.* 2½*d.* in the usual annual expenses.

Roll, A.D. 1461–2. John Pedewell, communar.

Roll, A.D., 1470–1. John Combe, communar.

"2lb. de canabo pro crinalibus fiendis ad 3 Marias ludentes nocte Pasche 6*d.*, pro 3 quoyfes empt: ad dictas 3 Marias 3*d.*, et pro 3 quarters de ffustike ad tincturam dictarum crinalium 6*d.*"

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Roll, A.D. 1473–4. John Combe, communar.

Roll, A.D. 1478–9. John Menyman, communar.

Roll, A.D. 1490–1. John Menyman, communar.

Among the revenues are 17*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, the rents of 15 houses in Wells built by Bp. Beckington at his own expense, and given to the Chapter.

Roll, A.D. 1497–8. John Touker, communar.

The expenses of the Ep^s^. Tinensis and W. Beket riding to London during 15 days with 10 horses are 6*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.*

Roll, A.D. 1505. William Capron, communar, his 2nd year, and Thomas Tinensis Ep^s^ seneschal.

The form of account is now changed, each separate manor and source of revenue being entered in a paragraph by itself.

The Chapter contribute towards the Batelement of the new chancel at Northcory in this year 5*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*

Roll, A.D. 1514. W. Capron, communar.

Roll, A.D. 1535. Richard Eryngton, communar.

The first part of this roll is printed from Chyle's History in Mr. Reynold's Wells Cathedral, p. lxxxiii. &c.

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Roll, A.D. 1539. John Gye, communar.

The procession on S. Mark's Day seems to have ceased.

The boy Bishop still receives pay.

For the first time there is an obit for "King Ine the original founder of the Church," 13*s.* 4*d.*

The Berlych money is now paid by the King, because the house has been dissolved.

The receipt from Bruton of 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is now "de Abbate nuper Priore."

Roll, A.D. 1547. Andrew Thorne, communar.

The initial C. and S. are well drawn dragons.

The sums formerly paid to the chaplains of chantries are now divided into two parts, one to the chaplain, one to the King.

Payment of 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* is made to the canons residentiary for the celebration for half a year of the mass in memory of Bishop Beckington at his altar, and 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for his obit in the choir, and 1*s.* for wax for the obsequies, and 5*s.* for wax candles at the altar, and 1*s.* to the sacrist for the bell; to the communar 6*s.* 8*d.* for his labour, and 10*s.* to the clerk who keeps his chapel, and 1*s.* 6*d.* for washing vestments.

Similar payments for Dean Gunthorp's, but all other obit masses and obits have disappeared, and the King receives the revenues.

Pensions on churches are now paid by the "Proprietors," "Rectors," and on chantries by "Governors" and "Possessors."

The accounts for the next six years, from A.D. 1547–53, are all included in one roll. A. Thorne, communar.

The manorial property is altogether omitted from the receipts of these years, and the payments to the canons from the expenses.

The receipts are from the old endowment of obits, &c., and the expenditure is only upon the salaries of the vicars choral, who are all named and receive from 3*l.* to 2*l.* each, and other officials.

The next roll is A.D. 1559–60, the first year of Th. Hooper, communar.

This roll returns to the older forms, and includes manorial receipts and dividends to the canons, and all the usual cathedral expenses.

Roll, A.D. 1560–1. Thomas Hooper, communar.

A long roll with all the usual entries.

There is also among these rolls one belonging to the vicars choral for the year A.D. 1569–70.

ESCHAETORY ACCOUNTS.

There are 36 Rolls extant between the years A.D. 1372–1560.

Compotus Johannis Modye escaetoris eccl: Wellen: a termino S. Michaelis A.D. 1372 usque ad idem festum proximum sequens.

Arr. 169*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* anni precedentis.

Receptus oblationum. Idem respondet de 8*s.* de oblatione provenientium ad nundinas S. Kalixti, et de 13*s.* ob. de oblat: provenient: ad nundinas S. Andree, et de 21*s.* provenient de pixide S. Andree per annum, et de 3*s.* de oblationibus provenient: die sepulture et anniversarum

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dominorum Nich. Pontesbury, Joh^s Lumbard, Roger Wytechurch, Joh^s Carleton, Radulph Ep^i, et etiam Rogeri Joliblode, et de 13*d*. proven: de oblat: in die Pasche, et de 50*s*. de palfredo et sella Magistri Nich: de Pontesbury, et de 39*s*. 8*d*. proven: ex legato Rogeri Joliblod pro obitu suo et anniversario. Summa 6*l*. 15*s*. 9½*d*.

Recept: novi provent: Idem respondet de 2*s*. 6*d*. de duabus croftis in la Newestrete et de 5*s*. de domibus Cristine Barbour ibidem, et de 12*d*. de uno curtilagio in la Munterye quod solebat reddere cum domibus supradictis. Summa 8*s*. 6*d*.

Obits received in Michaelmas term—Elias Ffellard, Reginald Stori, R^d Bampfeld, John de Axebrigge, Robert Burnell, Nicholas Selbourne, Alice Bouch, Henry de Bath, Henry de Bratton, William Archdeacon, Bishop Joceline, William de Button, Gilbert Sarum, Walter de Halschaue, William Bouch, Walter de S. Quentin, Galfred le Fferour, and Thomas Wodeford. In sums of 5*s*., 6*s*., 10*s*., 20*s*., and in the case of W. de Button 26*s*. 8*d*. Total 10*l*. 18*s*. 6*d*.

Obits received in Christmas term—Elias, chaplain, Walter de Compton, Gilbert de Ringham, Adam Gyssych, John de Cumbe, William de Wethamstede, Richard Button, Mabill Bouche, John Watelegh, William de Pulton, Walter Noreys, Radulf Preciosus, John de Godelegh, Roger Cruk, Henry Huse, Stephen de Cicester, Luke Lundres, Radulf de Lullyngton, Hugh de Romenale, John Martell, John Hubard, Hugh de Lymynton (5*s*. et non de majori summa quia . . . conceduntur Joh^i Wareyn et Thome fratri suo ad terminum vite eorundem), Henry Wyrcestre, et de 5*s*. pro una processione coram ymagine beate Virginis. Total 13*l*. 1*s*. 8*d*.

Obits received in the term of the Annunciation—William de Bath, William Button (45*s*.), Richard, King of England (20*s*.), William de Welyngton, Isaac de Mertok, Stephen de Tornaco, Walter de Homyngton, John Surrey, Peter de Cicestre, Samuel de Melles, Richard Attebere, John le Fforter, Wilbert de Lyttleton, William de Marchia, Walter the chamberlain, John de Herford, et de 5*s*. pro una processione coram ymagine S. Georgii pro anima Willelmi Brocworth—Total 11*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

Obits received in the term of S. John Baptist—John Hoo, Walter Burnel, Hugh Greneford, John Chamfeld, Robert Buggelegh, Luke Membury, Richard Cobham, Henry Tesson, Bishop Radulf, John Pole, Humphry clerk, David de Welweton, John de Button, Matthew de Stratton, Henry de Lundon, Luke de Mellesburgh, Thomas de Button, Roger Parson, Robert Netelton, and 24*s*. 4*d*. from rents of houses in Torlane and la Munterye for the obits of Gilbert Byngham, Richard Button, and Henry de London, 21*s*. at the Feast of Gabriel the Archangel for the obit of Hugh Rous, and 6*s*. 8*d*. for a procession on the Vigil of the Assumption for the obit of Hugh Rous. Total 18*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*.

Received from the Prebend of Wedmore II. vacant by the death of Roger Wyte 4*l*.

Total without arrears 65*l*. 12*s*. 5½*d*.; with arrears 234*l*. 13*s*. 7½*d*.

The rents of five houses are deficient because they are unoccupied. Total 1*l*. 11*s*.

Distribution of oblations and arrears.

To 7 vicars present at the Matutinal Mass on S. Calixtus day, 1*d*. each. To the sacristan 1*d*., to the choir 3*d*, to the guardian of the relics 4*d*.

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Similar sums distributed on St. Andrews day, omitting the 1*d.* to the sacristan.

Item inter 57 personas de Palfredo Nichol Pont: 47*s.* 6*d.* cuilibet 10*d.* Item palfredar: pro feodo suo 2*s.* Item in expensis dicti equi per tres dies 12*d.* Item in exeq: Rogeri Joliblode ad dirige inter 54 personas 13*d.* 6*d.*, cuilibet 3*d.*, Alt (Alteristœ), 3*d.*, Choro 3*d.*; ad Missam inter 54 personas 13*s.* 6*d.*, cuilibet 3*d.*, Alt, 3*d.*, Choro 3*d.* Item in anniversario ejusdem ad dirige inter 52 personas 6*s.* 6*d.*, cuilibet 1½*d.*, Alt 1½*d.*, Choro 1½*d.*; ad Missam inter 50 (?) personas 4*s.* 7*d.*, cuilibet 1*d.*, Alt 1*d.*, Choro 1*d.* Item inter extraneos 2*d.*

Total 4*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*

Payments for obits in Michaelmas term.

In exequiis Helie ffellard ad dirige inter 44 personas 5*s.* 6*d.*, cuilibet 1½*d.*, Alt 1½*d.*, Choro 1½*d.* In e . . . Reginaldi Story et Ricardi Bamfeld ad dirige inter 51 personas 8*s.* 6*d.*, cuilibet 2*d.*, Alt 2*d.*, Chor 2*d.*, ad Missam inter 51 personas 4*s.* 3*d.* proportionately as in the last.

In e . . . Johannis Axebrugge, Roberti Burnel, Nicholai Selbourne, Alice Bouch, Henry de Bath, and Henry de Bratton, ad dirige inter 54 personas 38*s.* 3*d.*, cuilibet 8½*d.*, Alt: 8½*d.*, Chor: 8½*d.*; ad Missam inter 58 personas 38*s.* 8*d.*, cuilibet 8*d.*, &c., as in the last.

In E . . Willelmi Archidiaconi ad dirige inter 49 personas 4*s.* 1*d.*

In E. Jocelini Ep[i] ad dirige inter 50 personas 10*s.*; ad Missam inter 56 personas 9*s.* 4*d.*, cuilibet 2*d.* &c.

In E. Willelmi Button et Gilberti Sarum ad dirige inter 54 personas 20*s.* 3*d.*, cuilibet 4½*d.*; ad Missam inter 57 personas 20*s.*, cuilibet 4*d.*

Similar arrangements for the obits of Walter Haselchaue, Walter de S. Quentin, with the addition of 14*d.*, in the latter case to be divided among 7 vicars present at the Matutinal Mass of S. Catherine on her day.

Total 10*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*

Similar payments for 20 obits in the Christmas term and 3*s.* 10½*d.*, among 39 persons for a procession on the Vigil of the Purification.

Total 11*l.* 14*s.* 10½*d.*

Similar payments for 13 obits in the term of the Annunciation, and 4*s.* 8*d.* among 56 persons for a procession on the Vigil of the Annunciation to the altar of S. Catherine in the cloister, and 14*d.* among 7 vicars present at the Matutinal Mass on the morrow at that altar, and 5*d.* among 40 persons present at the image of S. George.

Total 9*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*

Similar payments for 19 obits in the term of the Nativity of S. John Baptist. In this term there is one division "ad primam" of 3*s.* 8*d.* among 44 persons.

Total 17*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*

Necessary expenses. For torches at the altar of S. Saviour 20*d.*; at the altar in the chapel of the Blessed Mary 10*s.* To the custodian of the fabrick 4*s.* Also in one lb. of cummin to the Bishop 2½*d.* The Escheator's stipend for one year 6*s.* 8*d.* For the clerk who makes the accounts 3*s.* 4*d.* For parchment and paper bought for the account 8*d.* For 1 lb. of wax for the mass in the chapel of S. Catherine and "ad nund" (? nundinas) 7*d.* To the Sub treasurer for the obit of Walter Compton 12*d.* For the repair of certain houses 4*s.* For the Escheator's expenses in going to Harpetrew for arrears due from that Prebend since

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the time of John Lumbard, and to Chewton for an interview with John Knygt on the Dean's behalf 10*d.*

Total 1*l.* 12*s.* 11½*d.*

Total expenses and payments 56*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*

Debts due 178*l.* 3*s.* 6½*d.* from the following sources.

The Prebend of Shaldeford vacant by the death of Rt. Chykewell 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* de anno 59°. And 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* from the same Prebend, vacant by the death of Th. Bocketon, de anno 66°. And 40*l.* from the Prebend of Wedmore, at the first vacancy, caused by the death of John Carleton anno 60°. And 40*l.* from the Prebend of Hewish and Brent, vacant by the death of Eust Ep^s Romane curie Cardinalis, Archds Wellen: eodem anno. Arrears for 48 years on the obit of Roger Cruk 3*l.* 15*s.* On the obit of Walter Norreys 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* On the obit of Ralph Lullington payable by certain houses 1*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* for the years (13) 68, 69, 70, 71, 72. And 4*l.* from the Prebend of Harpetrew vacant by the death of John Lumbard Anno 68°. And 40*l.* from the Prebend of Brent and Hewish, vacant by the death of Nich. Cardinal, Archdn. of Wells, anno 69°. 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* on the Prebend of Cumbe XII., vacant by the death of John Newman, Provost, eodem anno. 7*l.* on the obit of Hugh Monyngton due for the years 1364–70, whch Stephen Hull has received.

Total 169*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, and debts 8*l.* 12*s.* 8½*d.*

These debts are distributed thus :–4*s.* for repair of a house in Chamberlain Street. 4*s.* 4*d.* for the obit of William de Marchia because 15*s.* 8*d.* and not more was found in the chest (pixide.) 5*s.* to the Prior of the Hospital of S. John for certain houses. 6*s.* 8*d.* to the Precentor for houses "juxta le Glehall." To the Prebend of Wedmore II. 4*l.* To W. Wynd for his poverty de gratia auditorum 12*d.* To the accountant for his great labour 10*s.* 8½*d.* And there remains due 3*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, which is distributed among 61 persons at the treasury at the winding up of the account, by the accountant, and thus he is clear.

The Rolls for A.D. 1380 and A.D. 1381 are very similar; but among the receipts and offerings in the latter there are 14*d.* oblation "die Parasceve, et de 13*s.* 4*d.* de oblatione regis et regine; de oblationibus Mortuorum per annum 1*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*"

Et de 40*s.* de palafredo et sella dm^ni Roberti Sambuc.

Et de 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* de palafredo et sella Magistri Johannis Horsington, Cancellarii. Et de 66*s.* 8*d.* de palafreda et sella magistri Ricardi Carleton. Et de 40*d.* de palafrido et sella magistri Roberti Stonore.

This roll is beautifully written and is in perfect order.

The next roll, A.D. 1391, is very similar to the above.

The roll for A.D. 1399 contains among the usual oblations 18*s.* ½*d.* de pixide Willelmi de Marchia. And 2*s.* 10*d.* de dn° Roberto Somerton Vicario de Chu bone memorie dm^i Radulphi Erghum Ep^i decano sive crucifero tempore quo corpus dicti dm^i Ep^i infra Palatium suum Wellen in capella ibidem jacuit inhumatum hoc anno. Et de 7*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* de palafrido cum sella dn^i R. Ergham nuper Ep^i. Et de 16*s.* de pretio unius zone de serico argent: de mortuar: J. Garthorp junior: infra domum canonicalem decedentis.

Total receipts without arrears 96*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.* with arrears 307*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*

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The Roll for A.D. 1401 very perfect. It shows that the payments from vacant Prebends came from the Exors. of the deceased Prebendary.

Roll A.D. 1402 is also a perfect one. Total receipts are 70*l.* 3*s.* 11½*d.* With arrears 241*l.* 1*s.* 11½*d.*

A.D. 1408–1418 are very similar. The offerings at William de Marchia's tomb have fallen to 1*d.*

A.D. 1425 contains oblations of 6*s.* 8*d.* from the Bp. of Winton, 3*s.* 4*d.* from Thomas Polton, Bp.; and 6*s.* 8*d.* from Humphrey Duke of Gloucester. And 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from the palfry and saddle of the late Bp. Bubbewith, and 2*l.* from that of J. Knight.
Total receipts 104*l.* 17*s.* 8½*d.* With arrears 219*l.* 11*s.* 0½*d.*

A.D. 1434, 1438, 1440, 1445, 1455, 1456, 1462, are all very similar.
In the later years, the use of the bells at funerals, and processions in the church have increased, and the entries in general and obits are more numerous.

A. D. 1469 there is an oblation of 10*s.* from King Edward, and of 5*s.* from the Duke of Clarence, and 5*s.* from the Lady of Clarence, and 5*d.* from the Earl of Barwyke, made in the Dean's Chapel.

A.D. 1472, 1473, 1481.

A.D. 1491. Among the oblations are 3*s.* 4*d.* from Archbishop John Moreton, and 20*s.* from King Henry VII. ad tres vices; and 4*s.* 0½*d.* from the oblation on the day of the burial of Bishop Robert Stillington, and 2*l.* the value of a pontifical ring de mortuario ejusdem.

In this year there is also an obit of 33*s.* 4*d.* from King Edward IV.
This is a long and well written roll containing many entries.

A.D. 1495 is the first roll upon paper. Among the oblations are two togas as mortuary fees, and several offerings at anniversaries, which are a new form of oblation.

A.D. 1498. The roll is again on parchment.
The offerings at William de Marchia's tomb had frequently been nil, but are this year 12*d.*
The Duke of Exeter offers 3*s.*; the Lady de Mouhuns . . . . .
Total expenses for this year 108*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*

A.D. 1503. To the entry of "oblations" is now added "cum mortuariis," which have become more numerous.

A.D. 1505, 1509, 1510, 1511.

A.D. 1514. The mortuary and anniversary offerings are 18 in number.

A.D. 1516, 1519, 1521, 1525, 1530.

There is a gap here until A.D. 1544, when the oblations ad nundinas S. calixti et S. Andree have disappeared, and there remain only the oblations in diebus Parasceve et Pasche, in die sepulture W. Budleigh, in die anniversarii Mgr^i ffitzjames, and in die trigintal: Johannis Milward.
The sums received for obits are all thrown together without any detail and occupy only 4½ lines.

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A long list of houses, &c., which used to pay rents for obits but are now ruinous, uninhabited, or granted away.

The only distribution of oblations are 10*d.* to five vicars of the solemn mass on S. Catherine's day at her altar in the Chapel of the Blessed Mary by the Cloister, 4*d.* to the Choristers, and 2*d.* to the Altarista.

The payments for obits go on as usual.

A.D. 1560. This, the next roll, has an initial letter a strange dragon form, its claw grasping at a naked kneeling figure, with the legend "Timor mortis conturbat me."

Thos. Hooper is the escheator.

The contents of this and of the next, A.D. 1561, roll are very similar.

The receipts are now from tenements and lands, from obit funds payable by the Archdeacons, the Vicar of Chew, the Montroye College, the Queen upon the dissolved house of St John Bapt: Wells, G. Owen on the Hospital of St. John Bapt: Bristol, another on Christ Church, Bristol, and from pensions paid by the holders of the property of the dissolved house of Barlinch and Worspring, &c.

Total, 69*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Payments. To the Queen for diverse obits, 48*l.* 16*s.*

Sundry small expenses. Total, 49*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

There is also a loose sheet of paper which notes that in A.D. 1510 the rents arising from lands assigned for obits, together with pensions, &c., amounted to 80*l.* 15*s.*; but in the year A.D. 1570 the amount was only 68*l.* This was until then accounted for by the Escheator, but in that year the Chapter ordered that 48*l.* 16*s.* due on obits, and 12*s.* 6*d.* payable to the King's receiver should be taken out of the Escheator's account and be entered upon the Communar's, leaving only 19*l.* 6*s.* for the Escheator's account.

Fabrick Rolls.

A.D. 1390, 1457, 1481, 1492, 1501, 1506, 1550, 1565, are the only rolls remaining of early date. There are many more of later date, but they seem to contain few entries of general interest.

Of the earliest of these fabrick rolls A.D. 1390 only the first half, that containing the receipts, remains, with some of the details of the expenditure upon the back.

John Bovyndon is the master of the fabrick.

Receipts:—

Arrears from last year, 21*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Rents:—

40*s.* from the Master of the House of S. Mark, Bristol, for the Easter and Michaelmas terms.

40*s.* from the Prior and Convent of Bruton for the same terms.

6*s.* 8*d.* from houses once held by T. Lychlade for Michaelmas term.

4*s.* from W. Borne's house in Chamberlain Street for the same term.

13*s.* 4*d.* from the Vicar of Stoke-sub-Hamdon for Easter term.

5*s.* from the Abbot of the Convent of Keynsham for the term of S. John Baptist, payable annually by the Prior for Lyttelton Church.

10*s.* 0*d.* from the Rector of Twyverton for the term of the Nativ: of S. John Baptist, as a pension.

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6*s.* 8*d.* from the Prior and Convent of Berlych at S. Andrew's Feast.
11*s.* 2*d.* from Gyldhurst.
12*d.* from a messuage in Clive.
16*d.* from houses in Tucker Street, payable by the Prior and Brethren of S. John's, Wells.
20*s.* from Canon J. Wareyn from the rents of certain houses for the supply of two lamps to burn continually before the image of the Blessed Mary by the door of the Choir and of S. Savour ante librariam.
Total, 7*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*

Oblations:—
4*l.* 16*s.* 7½*d.* arising de pixide dn^i Radulphi nuper Ep^i.
3*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* de pixide B. Marie by the door of the Choir.
15*s.* 5¼*d.* de pixide S. Salvatoris in capella B. Marie juxta claustrum.
3*s.* 1¼*d.* de pixide S. Salvatoris ante librariam.
2*s.* 2½*d.* de pixide S. Michaelis.
2*s.* 5½*d.* de pixide coronationis B. Marie.
2*s.* 1*d.* de pixide S. Thome martyris.
16*d.* de pixide S. Andree ad hostium.
Total, 9*l.* 8*s.*

Sales:
6*d.* pro oblationibus Wallicis diversis venditis.
1*s.* 2*d.* for two old silver rings.
6*d.* from Joanna Stone for a small gilt band (monile) given by W. Wynescombe to the image B. Marie ad ostium chori, and sold to her.
1*s.* 6*d.* from James Mason for 300 stones de Ilfercomb sold to him.
6*d.* for timber sold.
2*s.* 4*d.*, 4*s.* 4*d.*, 6*s.* 8*d.*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, 13*s.* 4*d.* and 17*s.* 4*d.* for free stone sold to several persons.
Total 2*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*

Legacies:
6*d.* from R^t Dagon of La Lye. 6*s.* 8*d.* from Master Lambert More. 20*s.* from Alice Fformour. 3*s.* 4*d.* from Cristina Hobekyns of Corscombe. 12*d.* from Walter Golde of Puttenye. 6*d.* from John Bochard of Weston. 20*d.* from John Rider through the Chaplain of Milborne Port. 13*s.* 4*d.* from the Rector of Odecombe. 12*d.* from W. Smyth of Yevele. 12*d.* from two men of Weston. 3*s.* 4*d.* from Robert Atte Wyke. 3*s.* 6*d.* from W. Paddock of Wotton as penance when excommunicated. 12*d.* from a stranger. 6*d.* from Ralph Stradil from Milborne Port. 15*d.* from one of the Dean's servants for penance. 20*s.* from W. Wynescombe lately deceased. 3*d.* from a woman of Thorne. 22*d.* from three unnamed wills. 6*d.* from John Mercer of Milborne. 6*d.* from William Jerard of Milborne for S. Andrew's briefs. 2*d.* from a will at Easton Gordano. 12*d.* from Elena Borton of Bristol. 12*d.* from John Bedel of Shepton Mallet. 12*d.* from R^t Grygory of Bruton. 12*d.* from Margaret Jay of Chyriton. 12*d.* from Isabella Baker of Yevele. 12*d.* from John Schuphurd of Welwe. 5*s.* 6*d.* from R^d Dylling of Corscombe from the will of Isabella of Bisschoppes (den ?) recovered from the said Richard in the Bishop's Consistory Court. 12*d.* from John Piker of Modeford. 12*d.* from Joanna Pope of Glastonbury as penance. 6*d.* from Wareyn of Chyldecompton. 6*d.* from John

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Ffarncombe of Lutton. 6*d.* from John the monk, tailor, for the half of a sheep left by the will of Margery Skinner. 2*s.* from Th. Hobekyns. 6*s.* 8*d.* from Th. Sell of Schepton. 3*s.* 4*d.* from the Rector of Stawell. All the above sums are legacies except when otherwise stated.

Briefs, &c.

3*s.* 1*d.* from Roger Tybrygton for S. Andrew's briefs for the year.

20*d.* from dn^s John Copethorne, Vicar of Berwes.

20*d.* from dn^s Galfrid, Rector of Obleye.

7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from John Blysset pro rotulo fraternitatis B. Andree, for the terms of Christmas, Easter, Nativ:, S. John Baptist, and Michaelmas.

14*l.* 0*s.* 9½*d.* for S. Andrew's briefs throughout the Archdeaconry of Taunton.

11*l.* 8*s.* 8½*d.* for briefs in the deaneries of Cary, Merston, Ivelcestre, and in the jurisdiction of Glastonbury.

6*l.* 14*s.* 5½*d.* for briefs in the deanery of Red (cliffe) and of Bath.

7*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* for briefs in the deaneries of Frome, Axebrugg, and Powlett, and in the jurisdiction of the Dean of Wells.

5*s.* given by Ralph Berners, the Succentor, for the good of the soul of the Lady Margerie Meryet lately deceased, he had received it from her Exors.

Total 53*l.* 8*s.* 7¾*d.*

Total receipts with arrears 85*l.* 1*s.* 5¾*d.*

The Roll is here torn off, the stitches remaining. On the back are certain payments.

On April 16 to several men, for carriage of stone from Doultyng; to John the teglator . . . "Logg cementariorum in Anglo."

The chief work mentioned is the repairs of the great door of the plumbatorium; and the carriage of stone from Doulting is mentioned 9 or 10 times between April 16 and June 11.

The total expenditure during this time is 8*l.* 19*s.* 0¾*d.*

In A.D. 1457. John Garnesy and John Tregadel are guardians of the fabric.

This roll is perfect.

The Rents come to 8*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*

The oblations now include offerings de pixide S.S. Thome et Leonard, Willelmi Bytton, S. Michaelis in Angulo presbeterii, S. Mariæ Magdalene, S. George, S. Christopher, and S. Mary de Insyan (Jesina in the A.D. 1481 roll), as well as those named in the last. Total 2*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

22 lbs. of lead are sold for 19*d.*, and 6 loads of freestone at the quarry for 4*d.* Total 5*s.* 7*d.*

Legacies and collections for S. Andrew's Briefs 31*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

There are also receipts from the Churches of Bocland, 8*d.*; Curry Mallet, 2*s.*; Ile Bruers, 5*d.*; Ayshbrytell, 10*d.*; Welyngton, 3*s.* 8*d.*; Lydiard, 7*s.* 2*d.* for two years; Wynscombe, 2*s.* 5*d.*; and from 17 Vicars' stalls which are vacant; amounting together to 14*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Receipts 57*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* Together with arrears 190*l.* 12*s.* 1¼*d.*

Expenses.

A table of wages paid throughout the year comes to 3*l.* 0*s.* 8½*d.* Expenses of the collections of the Fraternity of S. Andrew, "In omnibus consistoriis per annum, viz., commissariis dn^i Ep^i, officialis Archidiaconi Wellen, Registrar, Rectoribus, Vicariis, et aliis capellanis supervenientibus per diocesem," 7*s.* 4*d.*

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In Expensis computi per totam diocesem sub uno cursu, &c., 28*s.* 8*d.* In the hire of two horses for 10 days, 6*s.* 2*d.*; Wages to the servant riding with the accountant at 2*d.* a day, 20*d.* Officiali Bathon in regardo, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Registr: ibidem, 20*d.* Decanis de Bathon et Redclyff pro liberatione brevect: et collect: denariorum S. Andree, 2*s.* Et offic: Archd: Wellen: 3*s.* 8*d.*

There are payments to other officials, and the rural deans throughout the diocese.

Also for writing 404 briefs, and 8 long rolls with the names of Prebends, Churches, and Chaplains throughout the diocese, 16*s.* For 6 "quatens" of paper, 2*s.* For parchment, 16*d.*, and in regardo to all the Rectors, &c., &c. throughout the Deaneries, 26*s.* 7*d.*

Total 8*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

Purchases are only a load of timber for making ladders and Rongys, 3*s.*; 2 cwt. of lead at 5*s.* per cwt.; and 57 lbs. of stannum, 14*s.* 10*d.*

Necessary Expenses. For the rent of Doultyng quarry, 20*s.* For 28 flagons (lagenæ) of oil nothing because received from the Church store. To the keeper of the lamps per annum 12*d.* Accountant's stipend 30*s.* 4*d.* "Et in una processione facta in primis vesperis sancte (Virginis?) ad altare ejusdem inter 39 personas 3*s.* 3*d.* cuilibet 1*d.*, alt. 1*d.*, chorist 1*d.*, hoc anno 20°, Et sic de cetero usque ad persolutionem 100*s.*, recept de domibus in . . . . strete vendit Stephano Merston nuper burgensi ville Wellen:"

To John Cockill "pro tractura et stapulatione de 81 car . . . . . de Ayshler, pretio car 7*d.*, 47*s.* 3*d.*"

To John Hancock "pro tractura et stapulatione de 18 car: . . . . . de Dultyng pro panno . . . claustri quia melius vellet . . . . to be hadd, pretio car 9*d.*, 13*s.* 6*d.*"

For . . . loads from the said quarry to Wells at 12*d.* a load, 4*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*

For 60 quarters of lime at 5*d.* a quarter, 25*s.*

To John Parsons "pro ligatione" of 16 ft. square at Doultyng quarry for 12 days at 4*d.* a day, 4*s.*

To T. Nabbe for the elm boards for a wheelbarrow ('Welebarw') for the quarry 13*d.*, for the making 6*d.*, for iron 14*d.* For a new key for 'le logg' 2*d.* For a key for the Camery 2*d.* For one pair "Gymyes pro le palys circa baptisterium in ecclesia 4*d.*; Et pro uno standardo ad portandam aquam 12*d.*; Et pro factura de ij. Evys ferreis pro eodem 1*d.*; Et pro factura de 6 hoks pro diversis fenestris et ostiis infra plummery 4*d.*; Et pro emend: ij . . . . 2*d.*; et pro emend de j haber ion barell 2*d.*; Et pro emend: candelabrum S. Thome 1*d.*; for mending others 2*d.*; "Et pro hoppying diversorum vasorum 4*d.*; Et pro emend: sere nove turris 3*d.*; Et pro iiij. hoks ad tenendum novum pannum circa summum altare 1*d.*

for several hooks for the doors within the plummery and logg, weighing 3 lbs. 4*d.*;

for mending one 'twyxte' of the outer door of the camery 2*d.*;

for two 'bokets' 9*d.*; for 4 'bolls' 4*d.*; for two new 'crebris' 5*d.*

To Thomas the smith for two 'vangis ferreis' for the quarry at Doultyng weighing 19 lbs. at 1*d.* per lb. 19*d.*

Three more weighing 20 lb.

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To the same for mending "ij. Grete bytell ferreis crow et una vanga nova" for the quarry 3*s*. 4*d*.;

To John Lacy for 9 loads "de rubea terra pro emendatione antique partis claustri" at 2*d*. a load, 18*d*.

To John Clemment for 8 loads of sand (zabalonis) for various repairs in the church and for hiertacio (? hire) of J. Coryn, 16*d*.

To John Turpyn the mason (lathamus) for making three durns ("durneys") of free stone for three doors in the plummery at 1*d*. a foot, 3*s*. 4*d*.

John Wellesley's expenses to Tymberscombe and Bocland to fetch money, and hire of a horse for three days, 2*s*. 6*d*.

Robert Curteys' expenses to Haselbury and Ayshill and horse hire, on a like errand, 3*s*. 4*d*.

For one new ledepanne, 8*d*.

Total 13*l*. 15*s*. 0*d*.

Expenses in the cloister:

Paid to John Turpyn, the mason, or stonecutter (lathamus), for his labour and for the making "pavamenti panelli orientalis partis claustri, cum uno cynery panelli australis partis ejusdem claustri, quod quidem panellum continet in se 14 Cynerys cum dicto Cynery pannelli australis, et quodlibet Cynery continet in se 150 pedes, pretio pedis ¾*d*., 6*l*. 11*s*. 3*d*.; et in Regardo eidem pro suo diligenti labore 10*s*.

Total 7*l*. 1*s*. 3*d*.

Expenses at the School House;

For 200 stone tiles 10*d*., for lath nails 10*d*., for the tiler for 4 days 16*d*.

Total 3*s*.

Expenses for the "Canipee":

The pay of Nich. Pelly for the carpentry (carpentaria) of it ad taxam 4*s*. 7*d*.

For one "playte de umpyll pro eodem 2*s*. 10*d*.; et in serico rubeo empto pro eodem 16*d*.; et solut uxori Nichol Russell pro factura cooperture pixidis ibidem 12*d*.: et in una corda de twyne pro eodem 2*s*. 4*d*.; et in repagulo ferreo ad portandam dictam canipe, 23½lb. pret ib. 1½*d*. 2*s*. 11¼*d*.

Et solut Th. Saunder lathamo ad cavillandum unum foramen in le reredoos ibidem 5*d*.

For two workmen for a day and a half, and for scaffolding 12*d*.

Et in pictura canipe ad taxam 10*s*.

Et in cariag dicte canipe a Well: ad Glaston: et a Glaston: ad Well: 8*d*.

Total 1*l*. 7*s*. 1¼*d*.

The Whirlegoge expenses:

To John Payne and Th. Saunders for two weeks, and J. Norman for two weeks, a day and a half at 2*s*. 6*d*. a week; to two masons (cementarii) for two weeks at 2*s*. 4*d*. a week each; to a labourer for one week 2*s*.; to 4 quarters of lime 20*d*.; to 2 putts of sand 4*d*.; for the carpentry of a hatch, and timber "tablie et clavis" 4*s*. 9½*d*.; to an iron bolt and chain weighing 57 lbs., 13*s*. 4½*d*.

Total 2*l*. 2*s*. 5*d*.

The Library:

Divers repairs not specified, 9*s*. 1*d*.

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Expenses at Dulting quarry:
In rigatione (? ridding) quarrure 4*s*.
To J. Stowell, the stonecutter, for the Christmas term 10*s*.
For 7 loads of freestone of Ashlar 11*s*. 1*d*.
To the expense of J. Wellesley in going to Bocland, Keynsham, Ayshill, Mylverton prima for money, and hire of a horse for 6 days 5*s*. 8*d*.
For mending one "coterelli vasi pro aqua benedicta" 4*d*.
For mending a bell wheel in the new tower 6*d*.
Total 1*l*. 11*s*. 7*d*.

External expenses (forensecis):—
For the celebration of the mass when the rectory of the stall of the vicarage of Combe I. was vacant, for a year 6*s*. 8*d*.
Similarly for the stall of Haselbury 6*s*. 8*d*. For reading the gospel when Middleton Stall was vacant, during the St. John Baptist, and Michaelmas terms 20*d*. Similarly for Bocland and Cudworth Stalls, during the Christmas and Paschal terms, 20*d*. each; and for Combe III. and Combe IX. stalls 10*d*. and 20*d*. For reading the Passion of the Lord, when Combe V. Stall was vacant 5*s*.
For reading the Epistle when Tymberscombe Stall was vacant during S. John Baptist, and Michaelmas terms 20*d*.; similarly for Dynre and Litton Stalls for a year, 3*s*. 4*d*. each. The Stall of Combe IV. for three terms 2*s*. 6*d*. Combe II. for a year 3*s*. 4*d*. Wedmore II. for two terms 20*d*. Wedmore III. and IV. for three terms 2*s*. 6*d*. each. And for reading the gospel during a vacancy of Ayshill Stall for one term 10*d*. Total 2*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*.

There follows next a list of general expenses such as the accountant's, to the treasury for burials in the church and at the bottom of the roll a list of names and sums of money against them.

Exors. dn^i Nich. Calton 3*s*. 2*d*.
Exrs. dn^i Rt. Borough 28*s*. 4*d*.
Exors. dn^i Johs. Bekynton 4*l*. 0*s*. 4*d*.
Johannem Haydur 46*s*. 4¾*d*.
Thomam Germyn 22*l*. 19*s*. 10½*d*.
ffulcane Bermycham prebendar: de Compton Epi. 51*s*. 1½*d*.
Johannem Chichele, prebendar: de Warmynstre als Luxvile 20*s*.
Robt^m. Tarry, prebendar: de Haselbery 13*s*. 4*d*.
Andream Holes, Archm: Wellen: pro indempnitate Ecclesiarum de Est Brent et Dultyng 10*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., hoc anno 8° sic per annum 25*s*. 8*d*.
Et solut; ad thesaurarium ut in precedentibus de parcellis arr: annorum precedentum 4*l*.
Dn^m Johannem Garnesey 41*l*. 7*s*. 3¼*d*.
Et Compotantem 13*l*. 7*s*. 11¼*d*.
Et mem. quod liberantur ad Thesaurariam per tempus hujus compoti ut supra patet, in pede hujus compoti ultra 4*l*. (retro resp: tuat:) superius descript: 33*l*. 18*s*.

The Roll for A.D. 1480–1, when John Hylle is custodian of the fabrick, is also a perfect one.

Redditus Assise. Total 8*l*. 11*s*. 8*d*.

Oblations come from the boxes of B. Maria juxta ostium chori, S. Andrew, at the West door, S.S. Grasinus, David, Saviour in Angulo chori, Mary Magdalene, W. Button, Sitha, Coronation B. Mary, S.S. Leonard, George, Saviour in claustro, Anna, Christopher, Ralph de Salopia, B. Mary in Jesina. The last receives 23*d*., S. Anne 2*s*., W. Button 4*s*. The rest smaller sums. Total 32*s*. 0½*d*.

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Sales of boards bring in 6*s.*, and 13 tabule vitri 13*s.* Total 19*s.*
Legacies and Collections 27*l.* 3*s.* 9½*d.*
Receipts from vacant stalls, 17 in number, come to 20*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* 26*s.* is the usual value of a whole year's vacancy, a few pay only 20*s.*; but Compton Ep^i pays 30*s.* for three terms.
Expenditure:—
A list of weekly sums paid in wages to stone-cutters and carpenters, &c., per diet', 7*l.* 12*s.* 10½*d.*
On collections in the diocese 7*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*
Lead purchased 16*l.* 10*s.* at 5*s.* per 100 lbs. Nails, 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

NECESSARY EXPENSES.

300 lbs. of lead are bought for the Chancel of S. Cuthbert's.
Three loads of reed for the house by the chapel B. Mary 7*s.* 6*d.*
An Ambo in the choir is mended at cost of 6*d.*
Wax is bought at 6*d.* a lb., amounting to 9*s.* 9*d.*
Paid to a brother who came to look at the organ 2*s.* 6*d.*
For mending the "Situla pro aqua benedicta"; 20*d.*
A hogshead of oil costs 45*s.*, and its carriage from Bristol 22*d.*
A key is bought "pro domiuncula supra capellam B. Marie 7*d.*
Total 12*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*

External expenses for such things as in the last roll 3*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*
Upon the back there is a list apparently of arrears and of lead and nails, &c., bought.

The roll for A.D. 1492–3, when R^d Pomeroy is custodian of the fabrick has the usual entries, but the sales of materials are much larger than usual, viz., 4*l.* 15*s.* 10½*d.*
They include freestone at the quarry, timber, tiles, lead, boards (in one case "pro sarcophago" J^s Waynsforde 2*s.*), a pint (pynta) of oil, and "tabule vitri."
Legacies and collections come to 40*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*
Total receipts, 82*l.* 17*s.* 1½*d.*; together with arrears, 151*l.* 13*s.* 2¼*d.*
Lead at 3*s.* 4*d.* for 100 lbs. is bought to the value of 8*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*
Among the usual expenses for repairs, &c., "pro 4 le Bouches de vitro colerato 9*s.*, et pro factura unius ventilogii erei et le socket ferri 18*d.*
"Et dat: ministris dni. regis ne abducerent tres choristas 6*s.* 8*d.*"
"Et dat: ministris dne. regine pro regardo 6*s.* 8*d.*"

The roll for A.D. 1500–1, when R^d Pomeroy is custodian of the fabrick, contains much the same entries as the last.
Among the expenses are payments of 6*s.* 8*d.* each pro regardo to the mimes of the King, Queen, and Prince; and for the purchase of 2 ells of linen for the Bishop for the consecration of the new bell, 2*s.* 4*d.*; for diverse articles needed for bringing the great bell, 13*s.* 4½*d.*

The roll for A.D. 1505–6, when R^d Pomeroy is still custodian of the fabrick, is perfect and like the earlier ones.
Among the sales, 6 lbs. of coloured glass are sold for 2*s.* 8*d.*
A great deal of lead is sold, and the total sales come to 6*l.* 3*s.* 4½*d.* But the purchases of material of the same nature come to 13*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*
Among the purchases is a "baculus ferreus pro sacrista," 12*d.*, and a silver rod for the Altarist at the Dean's order, 4*s.* 8*d.*; and for 2¼ oz. of silver for the said rod at 3*s.* an oz., 6*s.* 9*d.*

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All the rolls after A.D. 1505–6 are lost until A.D. 1549–50, when Rd. Brampton is custodian of the fabrick. Rents which used to come direct from S. Mark's Bristol, are now paid by the Communar who receives them from the Mayor of Bristol, and other rents are paid in like manner by the holders of the Ecclesiastical property which used to pay directly to the master of the fabrick.

Oblations have disappeared.

Sales include 4 candelabra of brass 23*s.*; 9*s.* for each (cujuslibet) tabernacle lately standing in the choir near the altar, sold to the Lord Suffragan of Wells. Two figures of Bishops in brass which were in the choir weighing 310 lb. are sold for 2½*d.* a lb. and a great quantity of lead is sold. Total 22*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

Legacies and collections produce only 20*d.*

Vacant stalls pay as usual, 33*l.*

Total receipts 61*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

There is an entry for the expenses of the collectors of the fraternity of S. Andrew, but no sum is stated; and decime paid to the King's collectors are given.

The expenses for repairs contain nothing unusual.

"External expenses" now provide for the "Celebration of the Communion," "Reading the Gospel," "Reading the Epistle" when stalls are vacant.

The Roll for A.D. 1564–5, when John Reage is custodian, is the last.

The sales include tres tabule containing 35 ft., 2*s.*; 48 lbs. of brass candlesticks at 2*d.* a lb., and lathes are sold to the Dean; 4*s.* for two tables of white glass; 3*s.* 4*d.* for tres pelves orischalchie; 16*s.* 9*d.* for 67 lbs. of brass candlesticks; 7*s.* for 100 ft. of tabule.

Legacies and collections in the diocese bring in 37*s.*

Vacant stalls 48*l.*

Caution money paid by Mr. Walter Bower, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, is a new entry.

Paid to the Queen's collector for the tithe of the vacant stalls.

Total 48*s.* 8*d.*

Total payments 21*l.* 15*s.* 9½*d.* Debts 168*l.* 9*s.* 5½*d.*

Another new entry is an inventory, but it mentions only ropes, spades, hooks, &c. &c.

WELLS CATHEDRAL CHARTERS, &c.

Besides the documents which have been copied into the Liber Albus and the Liber Ruber the Dean and Chapter of Wells have in their possession upwards of 1,100 original charters, &c., many of them the originals of those thus registered. The whole of these "have been opened out, dried, cleaned, and examined, arranged in 36 boxes and placed in the Cathedral Library by Mr. W. de Gray Birch," who has also drawn up a descriptive Catalogue giving an abstract of the contents of each document, with a description of the seals upon them.

"Many of the documents contain important notices of historical and political events, both general and local, records of matters of the highest value in relation to the history of the revenue and fabric of the Cathedral and instances of great interest to the student of church and monastic antiquities, palæography, manner aud customs, and topography."

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The following notes are taken for the most part from Mr. Birch's calendar.

1. Grant by Eadgar, king of the Mercians, for 40 Mancusæ of gold, to Ealhstane, his thegn, if a place for six maneutes in Stantun in the territory of the Magasetæ. A.D. 958.

With the Saxon boundaries.

Printed in facsimile by Mr. Basevi Saunders for the Ordnance Survey.

2. Confirmation by Pope Nicholas (II.) to the Bishop of Wells (Willensis) of the bishopric and its possessions.

Given by the hand of Humbert "Sanctæ Ecclesiæ Silvæ Candidæ Episcopi, et apostolicæ sedis bybliothecarii," VII. kal. Maii. A.D. 1061.

Anno Pontif. 3°. Indict. 14.

3. Charter of William II. (Monarch of Britain).

Copied into Lib. Alb. I. fol. 14 and III., fol. 341. Printed in the Monasticon, and in Adam of Domerham, and described in "The Reign of William Rufus; Freeman. Vol. II., p. 483."

4. Copy of the last.

5. Bp. Robert's order about fairs in Wells, as in Lib. Alb.

6. Statute made by Bp. Robert allotting two-thirds of vacant prebends to the chapter. As in Lib. Alb.

7. Appointment by Louis (VII.) King of the French of Reginald (Fitz-Joceline, Bp. Bath consecr. 1174) Archdn: of Sarum to the Abbacy of S. Exuperins at Corboil.

Given at Miledu . . . (Melun) A.D. 1164.

"Astantibus in palatio," Count Theobald, King's steward; Matthew, Chamberlain; Guido, Butler, &c.

With the Monogram of Hugh the Chancellor.

8. Grant by Bp. Reginald to the Canons of Wells of the barn. Cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 25 in dors.

9. Certificate by Bp. Rainaud (Reginald) that Walter pistor of Bath had sold land at Lanferleg to Edward de Wellis and to Hugh his heir for 5 marks of silver.

The original grant made to Walter by the late Bp. Robert had been burnt.

Test. Ralph de Lichedale, Archdn: of Bath; Richard, Archdn: of Coutances; Robert de Geldeford; Joceline the Chaplain; Robert de S. Laudo.

10. Inspex: and conf: by . . . of a grant by (Ralph) de Wilton, with the assent of his heirs, Henry and William, of all his land of Wellis to Edward de Wellis for 50 shillings and to Wimarc his wife a gold broach.

Test. to the original grant. Alexander, Sub-dean of Wells; Ralph de Lichedale; Robert son of Pagan, Sheriff of Somerset; Richard de Mucegros; William son of Osbert; Gerard de Broct.

Test. to the Inspex: Alex. the Sub-dean; Roger de Winton; Joceline the Chaplain; Roger; Matthias de Winton; Ralph sine averio.

11. Charter of John, Count of Mortaigne. Cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 10.

12. Charter of Walter de Dunhaved to Adam de Lecton about one acre of land in Wells.

13. Grant by Gauter de Dunheved to Gauter son of Herevey his clerk of a messuage in Wells.

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Test. Alexander the Dean; Thomas the Sub-dean; William de Dinra; Hugh son of Edward, and Joceline, his brother; Thomas de Cicestria, &c.

14. John "dominus Angliæ" cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 10.

15. Conf: by King John of the grant of Northcuri. Cf. Lib. Alb. I. fol. 9.

16. Deed of agreement between William, Abbot of Bec, and Savaricus Bp. of Bath and Glastonbury and the Chapter. Cleeve Church is to be held by the Abbot as a prebendary of Wells, he is not bound to residence, but shall pay a vicar 4 marcs a year.

Test. Hubert, Archbp: of Canterbury; Henry de Castell, Archdn: of Canterbury; Master John de Tinemue, William de Sumercot; John de Kenovilla; Edmund de Hampton; Richard de Alecto.

17. Conf: by Archbishop Hubert of a deed by which Cleeve Church is let by the Chapter of Bec to the Abbey of Cleeve for 40 marks yearly.

Test. Godefrey, Archdn: of Cambray; S., Archdn: of Wells.

18. Undertaking upon oath of Robert de Veteri Ponte (alⁿ Vipount) to his lord John, King of England, that he will not use nor shew the charter which the King had made to him concerning Appelby and Burgh.

Test. William de Braosa; Hugh de Welles; &c.

19. The commission directed to Eustace, Bp. of Ely; Sampson de Bottington, Abbot of S. Edmunds; and G., Prior of Holy Trinity, by Pope Innocent III., to settle terms of agreement between the Bishop and the Abbey of Glastonbury.

Printed in Adam of Domerham, pp. 410–420.

20. Pope Innocent (III.) to Joceline de Welles, Bp. of Bath.

A certain M. a poor scholar, now in orders, when teaching his fellow schoolboys had from time to time laid violent hands on them, and so fallen under censure. He has been absolved by the Abbot of S. Victor, the person duly appointed, and forgiven by the pope. Allow him to exercise his orders and promote him.

Given at the Lateran, 5 kal. April. A.D. 1213.

21. Grant by Walter de Dunhaved to Adam de Hereford of a messuage and land at Paulesham, &c.

Test. Thomas, the Precentor; Simon the Succentor; William de Dinra; Henry de Traci, &c.

22. Grant by Hugh, Bp. of Lincoln to Joceline, Bp. of Bath and Glastonbury of half a knight's fee in Rugeberg and Draycot. Given at Stow. A.D. 1214. Cf. Lib. Alb.

23. Conf: by Lambert the Sub-dean &c. of a release of Thomas Lok, son of Adam and Agnes Lok.

24. Power given by Speronus de Campomoldo of Placentia to Rufinus Molinarius to demand 87½ marks from the Bishop of B. and G., for which the late Bp. Savaric had given security. A.D. 1219.

25. Grant by the Priory of Montacute to Joceline Bp. of B. of the Advowson of Modeford Church and certain revenues.

Test. William, Archdn: of Wells; Walter de S. Quintin; Henry, parson of Tintehull; Robert de Aule.

26. Award by John, Abbot of Ford; Wilfrid, Prior of Ford; and Baldewine, Prior of Axem . . . papal commissioners, in a cause

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between Alexander the Dean of Wells, and Ernisius a canon, concerning his prebend of Bidesham. Cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 44.

27. Institution of Hugh de Greneford to Wytechurch. Cf. Lib. Alb. III., fol. 455, 609.

28. Order made by Bp. Richard Poore of Sarum, about Wudeton chapel. Cf. Lib. Alb. III., fol. 450.

29. Grant by Walter de Dunheved to Bp. Josceline of land in the park at Wells.

30. Grant of land at Stoberg by Thomas Lok to Roger de Chyuton, chaplain. A.D. 1229.

31. Inspex: by Robert, Bp. of Sarum. Cf. Lib. Alb. III., fol. 453.

32. Grant of Roger, parson of Chiu, of houses in Wells which had been held by Peter Canute. A.D. 1235.

33. Another deed about the same house. A.D. 1235.

34. Grant by Bp. Josceline of Congresbury Church to the Chapter. A.D. 1237.

35. Grant by Helias, the Chaplain, of the "Muntoria" to the Chapter. Test. Peter de Chichester, Dean, &c., &c.

36. Grant by Katherine widow of Henry de Waltham to Roger de Chewton of houses in Wells.

37. Ratification by Walter Hosatus of Wike of the sale by Ailric Faber to Henry de Traci of land in Wells. Test. Josceline the Bishop; Alexander, the Dean, &c.

38. Release by the Hospital of S. Bartholomew, London, of the rent of 10 shillings paid by Bp. Josceline on his messuage in S. Clements Danes. Cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 348 dors.

39. Inspex: by William Brewer, Bp. of Exeter, A.D. 1242, of the following documents relating to the agreement come to between the Churches of Wells and Bath with regard to the election of Bishops.

1. Pope Alexander III. to the Chapter of Wells confirming the Election of Reginald Fitz Josceline. A.D. 1174.

2. The same confirming the canonical customs of the Chapter of Wells.

3. Agreement between the two Churches for the election of bishops, subscribed by all the members of the Churches.

4. Alexander the Dean and the Chapter to Pope (Innocent III.) Announcing the death of Savaric and their election of Josceline. Subscribed by the members of the Chapter.

5. Testimonial letters of many bishops to the Pope on the same subject.

6. Similar letters to the Legate J.

7. The King's Assent to the Election, addressed to Cardinal J. At Dokemerefeld. April 23, A.D. 1206.

40. Inspex: by Josceline, Bp. of Bath; William Bp. of Exeter, and William Bp. of Norwich, A.D. 1242, of another series of documents upon the same subject.

41. The deed of agreement between the Churches of Bath and Wells, with autograph signatures.

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42. Grant by the Chapter to the noble lord Peter, son of Peter Sarracenus de Urbe of Congresbury Church at a rent of 40 shillings. 4 non Nov., A.D. 1243.

43. Sale of a tenement to Milo, the Chaplain.
Test. Henry of London, Canon, &c.

44. Inspex: by the Convent of Bath of the grant made by Bp. Roger to the Chapter of Wells of the custody of the Deanery when vacant. A.D. 1246.

45–46. Assent of the Convent of Bath to the arrangements made for the Election of a bishop. A.D. 1246.

47. Deed of the Convent of Bath respecting the settlement of questions between themselves and the Chapter of Wells. A.D. 1246.

48. Inspex. by Roger, Bp. of Bath of the grant made by Theodoric son of Walter, with assent of Beatrice his wife, and Henry and William his sons, of the Church of Mudiford to S.S. Peter and Paul and the Monks of Montacute.
Test. Helias, Chaplain of Cinnoch; Robert, priest of Stokes, William, Chaplain of Montacute; William Chaplain of Odecumbe.
Test to Inpsex: Ralph, Archdn: of Bath, &c.

49. Release by Margery de Stokes of lands in Northcuri.

50. Release by Sibilla daughter of Simon de la Slo and niece of Margery de Stokes, of lands in Northcuri. A.D. 1247.

51. Release by Margery de Stokes, widow, of land in Meridon. A.D. 1247.

52. Mem. of adjournment of proceedings by the Convent of Bath in the matter of the Election of a bishop, at the instance of the Prior of Winton; J. de Plessets; Earl of Warwick; W. de Kilkennie, Archdn: of Coventry, the King's messenger. A.D. 1247.

53. Announcement by Canon Robert de Mariscis & of the election of William de Button, Archdn: of Wells to be Bishop of B. & W. Feb. 25. A.D. 1247.

54. Commendatory letters in favour of J. de Axebridge, and N. de Crauford, the bearers to the diocese of an Apostolic Mandate which the bishop has received.
Given at Merton 10 kal. Nov. A.D. 1249.

55. Receipt given by the agent of Ilditius for 18 marks and 10 shillings paid to him by the Chapter for his Vicarage of Cristemeleford. A.D. 1250.

56. Grant by Walter le Ffrie to the Chapter of the service of Richard Bucel.

57. Grant by Hugh de la Wyche to Hugh de la Hele of 3 acres of land in Huntham.

58. Release by Agnes widow of William atte More of a tenement in Wells.

59. Conf: by John de Aura of a grant by Eva de Churnleghe to Symon Gyan her kinsman.

60. Grant by Geoffrey de Brideport to Hugh his son of rents in Wells.
Test. Hugh de Romenal, treasurer, &c.

61. Grant by Roger Burgeyis to Richard son of Yvo Code of a messuage in Wells.

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62. Grant by Roger le Butiller to Geoffry de Brideport of lands in Wells.

63. Grant by Eva de Churnleghe to Simon Gyan of land in la Wudebreche.

64. Conf: of the last by Lawrence son of Eva de Churnleghe.

65. Release by W. de Clova to Edmund de Welleslegh, hundredarius of Wells, of a tenement in Wells.

Test. Thomas de Wellesleghe, knight; Richard de Rodenye, bailiff of Wells: Adam, canon, &c.

66. Grant by Richard son of Yvo Code to William Archn: of Wells of a Messuage.

67. Grant by Robert de Culern to Walter de Sutton of land in West Pennard.

68. Inspex: by William de Elman of a grant made by Nicholas his son to the Chapter, of land in Northcuri.

69. Agreement on part of the Chapter to pay to William de Elmeham and Alice his wife certain allowances of corn &c.

70. Grant by Robert son and heir of William Gyan to the Chapter of land in Shorteclyve in Northcuri, &c.

71. Grant by John de Laverlega of lands in West Pennard and Sutton Abbots to Nicholas Syrewold.

72. Release by Robert son of Herebert le Mazun and Isende his wife of a rent to Robert tinctor.

73, 74, 75. Grant of Rt. de Giverney. Cf. Lib. Alb. III., fol. 29 in dors.

76. Grant by Cristiana Scovye to Simon le Kyng of a rent in Wells.

77. Grant John de Sutton son of Richard de Spaxton of a tenement in Wells, to Robert Tinctor.

78–81. Are all charters dealing with small parcels of lands &c.

82. Mem. that on Sunday next after All Saints Day A.D. 1251, the suffragans of Canterbury met to dedicate the Monastery of Hailes, viz., Hugh of Ely; Robert Groteste of Lincoln; Walter de Cantelupe of Worcester; Fulk Basset of London; Walter de Suthfeld of Norwich; William of Salisbury; Richard Blondy of Exeter; Richard de la Wich of Chichester; William Bitton of Bath and Wells; Thomas Wallensis of S. David's; Laurence de S. Martin of Rochester; . . . . of St. Asaph's.

On the morrow the said bishops met at Wynchecumbe and agreed to dispatch Master John de Cheham to the Pope upon business relating to the Province of Canterbury.

83. Obligation of Geoffry de Bridport to pay to the lady Agatha de Meisy £20 a year for her life on Kerchel Manor and £5 to two chaplains to commemorate her in the cathedral. A.D. 1251.

84. The formula of excommunication as pronounced in the Hall at Westminster; 3 Id. May. A.D. 1253.

85–90. Charters dealing with small parcels of lands, &c.

91. A Final Concord made at Ilchester before Robert de Brywer and other Justiciaries between the Chapter and John de Aura about their rights in Northcori. A.D. 1263.

92. Grant by Robert the Prior and the Convent of Stavordale of a rent of 30 shillings to be paid to the vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's

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Altar, on behalf of John de Axebrugge, the sub-dean, in consideration of 40 marks given by him for the purchase of land of Wincanton. A.D. 1263.

93. A similar deed. Seal of the Bishop of B. & W. bearing a full-length figure of the Bishop and a cathedral tower and spire.

94. A similar grant by the Priory of Worspring on behalf of John de Axebrugge. A.D. 1266.

95. Obligation of G. de Bridport. Cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 84 dors.

96. Hugh de Romenal's Chantry. Cf. Lib. Alb. I., fol. 86.

97–98. Charters about small parcels of land.

99. Inspex: by the Prior of Bath of grant by William I. Bp. of B. & W. of the advowson of Stoke Gummer Church to the Cathedral.

Test. Henry de Erlegh; John de Aura.

And of its appropriation to them by Bp. William II. Given at Wokey. 6 Non. Oct., A.D. 1269.

100. Grant by John de Laverton to Edward the Dean of land in Laverton, held by Isabella, widow of Richard de la Donne, and Juliana, widow of Gilbert Huggel.

Test. Sir Henry de Monteforti; Peter de Norton; Henry de Monteforti of Nony; Richard de London, &c.

101–105. Charters about small parcels of land.

106–107. The establishment of a chantry in memory of Hugh de Romenal, by the Brethren of St. Mark's Bristol. With details. A.D. 1272.

108–109. About tenements in Wells.

110. Recital by Archbp. Robert Kilwarby of the depositions of William de Smalebroke, Canon of Wells, sent by the Chapter, that the monks of Glastonbury had elected John de Tanton to be Abbot without the consent of the Bishop of B. & W.

Constantine de Mildehale, who is acting during the vacancy of the See, is to inhibit the monastery from further action. Wednesday after Michaelmas, A. D. 1274.

110–120. About small properties. Several of them in Lib. Alb.

121. Grant by Henry de Erlegh to William de Plessetis of land in North Petherton.

Test. Sir Thomas Trivet; Sir Thomas de Regny; Jordan de Bradenye.

122–126. About small tenements, &c.

127. Grant by William Warham, Knt., of Welleslegh, of a cottage in Doulcote to W. Poupe, on his marriage with Alice his daughter.

Test. George Welleslegh; John Welleslegh, &c.

128–133. Deeds relating to small properties. Several of them in Lib. Alb.

134. Grant by the Brethren of St. John's Hospital of an annual service in memory of Richard de Buttun.

Test. Edward the Dean, and many of the canons.

135. Grant by Richard le Touker to the chapter of a rent of 5 shillings to be distributed among the poor for the soul of Roger de Cruk, in return for 5 marks paid by his exors.

136. Award that Walter, Archdn: of Wells, shall receive his share of the residue, he having resided for half the year. A.D. 1290.

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137. Certified copy of the Bull of Pope Boniface VIII., arranging the case of the Archbishop and the convent of S. Augustine's, Canterbury. Given at the Lateran, 14 Kal. April, A.D. 1295.

138. Bond by William (de Marchia) Bp. of B. & W., to repay on demand £1,000 advanced to him, the Convent of Bath, and the Chapter of Wells, by Oliver Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln, trustee with John de Pontisera, Bishop of Winton, of the tenths granted as a subsidy for the Holy Land to the King.

Given at Doggemerfeld, 14 Kal. Feb., A.D. 1295.

139. Release by Robert le Brun to Thomas de Mere of lands in Northcuri. A.D. 1296.

140. Grant by the Abbey of S. Peter's, Gloucester, to Agnes de Prestbury, of two loaves of the monks and one of the esquires (esquierii) with two dishes (ferculis) of potage such as the convent has, and two of meat, viz., of beef and pork, &c., &c.

141–159. Deeds dealing with lands in Wells and North Cori, &c. Several of them in Lib. Alb.

160. Royal licence to William de Kilkenny and Walter de Totton to grant land and the advowson of Westansy to the Dean of Exeter. A.D. 1305.

161. Inspex: by the convent of Bath in A.D. 1306 of a grant by Walter de Haselshaw, Bp. of B. & W., to the Chapter of Wells of land in Burnham with the advowson of the church there. Given at Cherde, 12 Kal. April, A.D. 1305.

Test. Sir Gilbert de Knovyle; Sir Nicholas de Langlonde; Sir Thomas de Welleslegh.

162. About a tenement in Wells.

163–164. Lease of Winescombe to the exors. of Dean H. Husee for £200 and 10 marcs a year. A.D. 1306.

165. Ordinance about Burnham Church. A.D. 1306.

166. Inspex: by the Convent of Bath of the deed of A.D. 1306, by which the Chapter of Wells establish a chantry of £10 in memory of Bp. Burnel, in consideration of his grant to them of Yvelton, Burnham, Stanton Drew, and Cheleworth Churches.

167–173. About sundry small properties.

174. Exchange of lands in Corymoor between the Chapter and Osmund, Abbot of Athelney. A.D. 1311.

Test. John de Bello Campo; Henry de Urtiaco; John de Erlegh; Gilbert de Bere; Hugh de Popham; Knights.

175–178. About small properties.

179. The will of Richard de Chepmanslade. A.D. 1311.

180–183. About small properties.

184. Recital by Bp. John de Drokensford of—

1. The Bull of Clement V. respecting the collection of funds for the war against the Saracens. A.D. 1312.

2. Another Bull of the same subject and date.

3. Appointment of the Chapter of Wells to be sub-collectors for the diocese of B. & W.

Given in London, 12 Kal. Nov., A.D. 1313.

185. Grant by Laurencia, widow of William Cowmiche, of lands to Robert Chandel. A.D. 1314.

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186. Transcripts of—

1. A letter of E. II. to Bp. John de Drokensford, urging payment of tithes due at an early date, the same having been advanced to the king by Florentine merchants. Given at York, Sept. 26, A.D. 1314.

2. Letter of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster and Leycester to the same effect. Given at York, Oct. 3, A.D. 1314.

187. Grant by John de Morebathe juxta Brideport, with the assent of his wife Margery, daughter and co-heir of Robert de la Fenne, to his son Henry, of lands at la Fenne, juxta Mertoke.

Test. William de Faucumberge, Knt.; Peter de Bolonia; John de Widecumbe; William Aumbesas, &c.

Given at Mertok la Fenne, on the Circumcision, 8. E. II.

188. Release by John de Rayny, of Winterslowe, and Agnes de Carslade, his wife, to Agnes David, of Dulcote, of houses there.

Test. William de la Wythie; Robert de Weleslegh; John de Duddesden, &c. A.D. 1315.

189. Grant by Simon de Domerham of North Cury, to Thomas de Mere, of land in Wrentich.

Test. Ric de Lovenay; Peter de Boloygne: John de le Sloo, &c. A.D. 1316.

190. Undertaking by Bp. John de Drokensford, principal collector of the Sexennial tenth imposed by Pope Clement V., and of the yearly tithe due to the king from the diocese of B. & W., relating to the postponement of the collection, and indemnifying the Chapter of Wells, the sub-collectors, for the loan of the same to the king.

Given at Banwell, 9 Kal. Jul., A.D. 1316.

191. About lands in Loxton, released by Sir William le Mareys of Loxton, to Sir William de Welonde, Knt., Lord of Loxton.

Test. John de Beauchamp de Marisco, and Adam de Walsshe, Knights; William Artur; Philip le Irysshe, &c. A.D. 1316.

192. Exemplification by E. II. of letters patent by E. I. "super "prisis bonorum cleri," in his 3rd year, as enrolled at length on the Statute Roll in the Tower, membr. 33 dors.

Given at York, Nov. 24, A.D. 1316.

193. Notarial instrument by Roger de Clisseby, clerk of the diocese of Lincoln, public notary, of the admission of Sir Roger de Northburgh, clerk of the king, by his proxy, to be a Canon of Wells. A.D. 1317.

194–198. About small properties and tenements.

199. Commission issued by Bp. John de Drokenesford, to certain canons to inquire concerning the liberties of the cathedral, the jurisdiction of the Dean, and the claim of St. Columban's Chapel at Cheddar to be a royal fre chapel.

Given at Wyveliscombe, Oct. 7, A.D. 1321.

200. About a tenement in Wells.

201. Agreement between the Bishop and the Chapter. The Chapter to receive the proceeds of vacant benefices in the diocese. To have jurisdiction in prebendal churches. The Archdeacons to enjoy their customary jurisdiction, and the Bishop to have his power of citation and correction. A.D. 1321.

202–205. Tenements in Wells.

206. Grant by John de Welleslegh, lord of Welleslegh, to Warine son of Alice de Welleslegh and to Elena his wife of a messuage.

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Test. Sir Thomas de Welleslegh, Knt.; Edmund de Welleslegh; Robert de Wodeford; &c. A.D. 1324.

In the same year, on Nov. 30, there is a Sir John de Welleslegh, Knt.

207–211. About small properties.

212. Grant by Richard de Wyndesores to Robert de Cormailles of lands at Bikenalre.

Test. John de Erlee; Ralph Fitzhours; Alexander Luttrell; John de Membury; John de Reynny; John Fitchet; Knights, &c.

Given at Winchester, on Trinity Sunday, A.D. 1328.

213–220. About lands in Wrentich; Middleton Abbots; Bergh Church; Merre in Northcory; Bergh Church; do.; do.; appointment of a chantry priest.

221. Inspex: by Roger de Cormayles in A.D. 1330 of a grant made by Robert de Cormayles of lands in Bickenalre to the Chapter.

Test. John de Denham; Ralph de Fitzhourse; Simon de Forneus; John de Clevedon; John de Erleye; Knights.

Given at Wyke juxta Norton in Caunden, May 26, A.D. 1329.

222. Release by the Exors. of Robert de Cormayle. A.D. 1330.

223–225. About a messuage in Wells; lands in Bickenalre; land in North Cory Moor.

226. Grant by Hamelin de Godelee of land in Bickenalre for the support of masses for the late Bishop John, Robert de Cormailles, Richard de Alresford, and others.

Test. Dom. John de Cliveford; Ralph Fitzyours; John de Membury; Knights, &c. A.D. 1330.

227–239. About lands at la Fenne; in Wells; Woky-hole; Okehampton; do.; do.; in Lillesdon; Okehampton; do.; do.; do.; in Wells; do.; A.D. 1330–1333.

240. Release by the Chapter to Hameline de Godelee, Richard and John de Chudderlegh, and Sir Roger de Acton, Exors. of Dean J. de Godelee, of all actions on account of the demolition of the church at Wells, the fabric and stalls of the same; the canonization of Bp. William de Marchia, &c. A.D. 1333.

241–246. About a messuage in Wells; lands in Stokegursey; in Hywish; in Slolegh; in Wells; do.

247. The confession of W. Parle that he had taken certain tithe sheaves in Northcori. A.D. 1335.

248–251. About the Vicarage of Burnham; properties in Wells; do.; Cheddar.

252. Inspex: by E. III. of an Inspex: by H. III. of King John's charter about the manor of Northcori, &c., &c.

253–261. About lands in Neweton in North Petherton; in Wells; in Chereleyestath; in Mertoke; in Wells; do.; do.; do.; do. Among the witnesses in A.D. 1339 are Sir Thomas de Welleslegh and Sir John de Wyke, Knights.

262. Exemplification of the Statute 15 E. III. Stat. 1. A.D. 1341.

263–274. About property in Wells; do.; Canon John Martel's chantry, for which he gives 100*l.*; do.; land at Wokyhole; in Wells do.; do.; do.; do.; do.; do. A.D. 1341–1343.

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275. Certificate by the public notary that the deed of Bp. Roger about the custody of the Deanery when vacant had been exhibited to him. A.D. 1343.

276–285. About tenements, &c. in Wells.

286–302. About tenements in Dulcote and Long Sutton; in Wells; do.; do.; do.; do.; a bond of Robert Gyan for 2*l.*; tenements, &c. in Wells; do.; do.; in Meulesbergh and Wokyhole; do.; do.; do.; in Wells; do.; do. A.D. 1346–1348.

303. Licence in Mortmain by E. III. to Bishop Ralph. A.D. 1343.

304. About lands at Newport in Northcory. A.D. 1349.

305. Lease by Thomas de Sowy to Matildis widow of Sir Thomas L'Ercedekne, Knt., and to Thomas her son, of lands in Northcory and Chirlegh held by Robert Gyan and John his son. Given at Chirlegh. A.D. 1349.

306–309. About lands at Melesberg and Wokyhole; Shortclyve; Melesberg; copy of a writ "ad quod dampnum" addressed to John de Bekyngton.

310. Order by Bp. Ralph of Shrewsbury about grants to the Fraternity of S. John for masses for his soul.

311–314. About rents, &c. in Newton Plecy, and Exton; in Wells; at la Thele in Wedmore; Stathe.

315–318. Grants by John, son and heir of John de Welleslegh, Knt., deceased, to John son of Warin de Welleslegh, Clerk, of a rent of 2 shillings. A.D. 1350.

319. Acknowledgment of Robert Gyan that he owes 20 marcs to certain canons of Wells. A.D. 1351.

320. Agreement between Bp. Ralph and the Chapter with Abbot Monyngton of Glastonbury about the bounds of Landsherlegh and Bacchyngwere. A.D. 1351.

321, 322. About tenements, &c. in Wells; in Welleslegh (Roesia Calf is widow of John de Welleslegh, Knt. A.D. 1351. The deed bears the seal of John, Archbishop of Dublin).

323. Licence in Mortmain by E. III. to the Bishop to acquire lands in Welleslegh, Dulcote, and Eston, and grant them to the vicars choral. A.D. 1352.

324. Release by John son and heir of John de Welleslegh, Knt., of rents in Wells. Test. Walter de Rodenye; John de Palton; Knights. A.D. 1352.

325–330. About a messuage in Wells; at Cherlegh; in Welleslegh (by Elizabeth widow of John de Welleslegh, A.D. 1353); in Wells; in Welleslegh; &c.

331. Confirmation by John de Iford the Prior and the Convent of Bath in A.D. 1354 of the Charter of Bp. Ralph granting to the vicars who inhabit the new buildings erected by him, land at Welleslegh, Doulcote, Estoncote, and Eston, &c.

Test. at Wyveliscombe, April 17. Sir Walter de Rodeny, Knt.; Sir Walter de Pavely, Knt.; John de Somerton. A.D. 1354.

332. Grant by the Chapter of a house at a rent of two wax candles to be kept burning at the Elevation of the Host at the High Altar in the Cathedral. A.D. 1354.

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333–345. About lands in Wells; and Cherlegh.

346. Acquittance by Hugh Pelegrini, Treasurer of Lichfield, Nuntio in England, to the Chapter of Wells for 14 shillings due on the 5th and 6th years of his procuration. A.D. 1357.

347. Acquittance by Richard de Carleton, Canon of Wells, Collector of the procurations of Talairand, Ep^s Alban, et Nicholai, titulo S. Vitalis, presbit. Cardinalium et Sedis Apost. Nuntiorum to the Chapter of Wells for 8*l.* 19*s.* 7¾*d.* A.D. 1357.

348. Inspex: by John de Carleton, Dean of Wells, of a lease by Bp. Ralph of Shrewsbury of a curtilage in Bath towards the "Cross Bath" (balneum crucis). A.D. 1354.

349. Bond of the Chapter for 20*l.* lent by Dean John de Carleton for the use of the fabric of the cathedral. A.D. 1357.

350. Acquittance by Hugh Pelegrini for 7 shillings for one year. A.D. 1357.

351. Inspex: by John de Mohoun, Lord of Dunsterre, A.D. 1358. of a release by his grandfather John de Mohone, A.D. 1339, to Dean John de Godelee and the Chapter, of lands, &c. in Bichenalre.

352, 353. Grant by Richard Bole to certain canons of Wells of lands, &c. in Cherlegh.
Test. Sirs Edmund de Clyvedon; John de Clyvedon; Richard de Acton; Knights, &c. A.D. 1358.

354–365. About tenements, &c. in Wells; in Pouleshamesmede; in Wells; do.; do.; do.; Newton Plecy; Woky; a rent in Enfield, Middlesex; Dynre; Wells; do.

366. The will of John de Hywysch, Canon of Wells. A.D. 1361. Probate A.D. 1363.

367–372. About tenements, &c. in Wells; do.; do.; do.; do.; Newton Plecy.

373. Assignment by the Priory of Worspring of an annuity of 53*s.* 4*d.* for the support of a chaplain in the Cathedral to commemorate benefactors. A.D. 1366.

374. Inquest by John de Beckyngton the Escheator about certain houses, &c. in Wells. A.D. 1367.

375. Commission from the Chapter of Wells to John Wayfer of Glastonbury to receive gifts and legacies for the fabric of the Cathedral. He is to pay 20*l.* a year for the office. A.D. 1367.

376–379. About tenements, &c. in Wells; in the parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill; in Wells; in Ediston.

380. Release by Stephen Penpel the Dean and the Chapter to the Exors. of the will of Bp. Ralph of Shrewsbury for a missal with musical notes, vestments, and 10*l.* for the fabric bequeathed by the bishop. A.D. 1368.

381. Receipt given by Margery le Moniers for 20 marcs.

382–384. About tenements, &c. in Wells; do.; do.

385. Discussion by Henry de Derby, "Administrator spiritualis a sede Apostolica deputatus," of the sequestration of a yearly payment of 50 shillings to the Abbey of Glastonbury from the Church of Pokelechurch. A.D. 1370.

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386–391. About lands in Bickenalre; Mertoke; Lancherly; and West Pennard, Wells, West Pennard, Monerslane [in Wells sold to the Dean. A.D. 1371.

392. Will of Nicholas de Pontesbury, Sub-dean of Wells. Desires his body to be buried in his canonical dress at the door of All Saints' Chapel in the cemetery of the cathedral. Makes several bequests to various persons. Probate, A.D. 1372.

393–397. About tenements, &c. in Wells; Mertoke; Hessokymore; Wells; do.

398. Inspex: by Stephen Penpel the Dean of the appropriation by Bp. John Harewell of the Rectory of Wyncaulton to Staverdale Priory. A.D. 1374.

399. About lands in Mertok.

400. Copy of the Will of John de Oxenford, late citizen of New Sarum. Probate, Aug. 26, A.D. 1374.

401. Mandate by the official of the Court of Canterbury to the Chapter of Wells in favour of the Dean in his case against Bp. John Harewell. A.D. 1375.

402. About tenements, &c. in Wells.

403. Copy of the Will of John Gy of Wells. A.D. 1377.

404–408. About lands, &c. in Bickenalre; Okehampton; in New Sarum; do.; do.

409. Release by Peter de Yevelton, to Hugh Durburgh, Chevr.; John Fitz Payn, Chevr.; Peter Bratton; Henry Seynt-John, and 32 others, of all actions against them. A.D. 1380.

410. Grant of tenements formerly belonging to John de Oxenford of New Sarum, skinner, attested by the mayor and certain citizens of New Sarum. A.D. 1380.

411–415. About tenements, &c. in Wells; Loxton; acquittance by Sir Thomas Fychet, Knt., for 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; tenements in Wells; Loxton; do.

416. Licence in Mortmain by R. II. to the Vicars Choral. A.D. 1382.

417–419. About lands at Loxton; Manumission at Loxton; tenements in Wells.

420. Grant by John de Chidiock, Senr. Knt., to certain canons of Wells of a rent of 20*l.* on Cottelygh and Benham in Dorset as long as they hold an acre called St. John's acre at Alwynsheigh in Somerset, and the advowson of St. John's and All Saints Church at Kingeston. Given at Alwinesheigh. A.D. 1383.

421. Confirmation by John de Chidiock, junr., Knt., of a grant of an acre to the said canons, &c. at Alwinesheigh in Hangerlond. A.D. 1383.

422–427. About lands in Prestleigh; Woky; Alwinesheigh; do.; do.; do.

428. Acknowledgment of fealty by the D. & C. of Wells, to William de Mountague, Earl of Salisbury, for lands in Burnham, who derived it from Thomas de Grandson, Chevr. It had passed from the said Earl to Dame Margaret, wife of the said Thomas, who in turn passed it to Nichol de Carren, senr., Nichol her son, and William de Carren, son of John de Carren, Chev. A.D. 1384.

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429–430. Appropriation by Bp. John Harewell of Kingeston Church to the Chapter of Wells. A.D. 1384.

431–452. About Okehampton Manor; Nywport; Wells; Kingeston Church; do.; do.; do.; Loxton; do.; do.; Stykelinche; Loxton; do.; do.; Woky; Saltmore; Wells; Stokurcy; Wells; do.; do.

453. The sentence pronounced by the Court of Canterbury in a case between the Chapter and the Vicar of S. Cuthbert's. A.D. 1388.

454–463. About a tenement in Wells; do.; Ediston; Wells; do.; with several acquittances for pensions.

464. Mandate of Bp. Ralph Erghum to the officials of the diocese to require the clergy to call upon their parishioners to become members of the Fraternity of S. Andrewe, and aid the fabric by donations and bequests, with 40 day indulgence to benefactors. Given at Woky, Nov. 3, A.D. 1390.

465. Mandate of same to all Rectors, Vicars, &c. to denounce the sentence of major excommunication upon those who infringe the liberties of the church or injure the fabric. Same date.

466–468. About tenements, &c. in Wells; Ediston; Wells.

469. The award of Walter, Abbot of Ford, and other commissioners in a suit between the Chapter of Wells and other parties. A.D. 1392.

470. About tenements, &c. in Wells.

471. Appropriation by Thomas Fitz Alan, Archbishop of York, of St. Sampson's, York, to the Vicars in the Cathedral of York.

472–476. About tenements, &c. in Wells.

477. Promise by John, the Prior of Long Leat, to pay 6*s.* 8*d.* a year to the Chapter of Wells in settlement of all questions about Lullington Church, granted to them by Bp. Ralph Erghum. A.D. 1396.

478–483. About tenements in Wells.

484. Grant by Thomas de Sudbury, the Dean, to Umphrey Shiliere, of the tithes, &c. of Stoke St. Gregory Church, A.D. 1395.

485–488. About tenements in Wells.

489. Grant by Bp. Ralph Erghum of the advowson of Pokelchurch to the Chapter. A.D. 1396.

490–494. About the same; do.; tenements in Wells; Stykelinch.

495–497. Certain pensions and a mem. of expenses "in prandio."

498. Petition of the Chapters of Bath and Wells to H. IV. for leave to elect a bishop. April 22, A.D. 1400.

499. Grant by H. IV. for 20 marcs to Humphry Stafford, Knt., Thomas Stawell; John Juyn; John Warre; Hugh Pyke; Hugh Cary; Robert Geffrey; John Barent; William Gascoigne of Brockley; of the Hundred of Exton with a third of Exton and Newton Placey Manors, with remainder of the advowsons of the third part of Hawkridge Church, and the free chapel of Newton Placey, after the death of Richard Moyn, who acquired the same from John Garton, who held them in chief from king R. II. A.D. 1400.

500. Release by Richard Cliderowe and others to John Garton of Kent of lands held by them in Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Lincolnshire, Somerset, Devon, &c. A.D. 1401.

501–511. About lands in Newton Plecy; a fishery at Northcory; Wells; do.; do.; do.; do.; do.; do.; Mertok; Wells.

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512. Will of John Mylwarde son of John Mylwarde of Dyndre. Probate, A.D. 1403.

513. About houses, &c. in Wells.

514. Undertaking by the Chapter to celebrate a commemoration service for Walter Wyncaulton, Prebendary of Westmenstre als Luxvyle, in return for 100*l.*, a chalice, missal, and a vestment, for the altar before the cross on the north side of the high bell tower of the cathedral. A.D. 1406.

515. Indenture between the same setting forth the details of the commemoration of Bp. Ralph de Salopia, &c. A.D. 1406.

516. Another release to John Garton. A.D. 1406.

517. About tenements, &c. in Dultecote.

518. Bond in 40*l.* given by the vicar of Pokelchurch for the due performance of his duties. A.D. 1407.

519–537. About lands in Stokecurcey; Pokelchurche; Stokecurcey; do.; Wells; Woky; Wells; do.; do.; and Woky; Mertoke; do.; do.; Wells; Mertoke; do.; do.; Wells; Doultecote; Wells. A.D. 1408–1415.

538–539. Assignment of the lands, &c. of the late canon John Waryn for a mass. A.D. 1415.

540. Bond by John Kyng in 40*l.* that he will abide by the arbitration of certain of the canons about some lands. A.D. 1413.

541. About tenements, &c. in Wells.

542. Defeasance of a statute staple between John Garton, Richard Bruton, and William Gascoigne of Bridgwater respecting a grant by the said John of lands in Bruton, Meryet, Langport, Bridgwater, Chelton, Northboure, Westboure, Cheselade, Compton Dundone, Cosynton, Ashington, Canynton. A.D. 1416.

543–544. About lands in Wells and Woky; do.

545. Release by Thomas Litewyre of Sutton, Surrey, to Richard Bruton and William Gascoigne of the Hundred of Exton, and the third part of Newton Plecy and Exton Manor, and the advowson of Hawkrigde Church, and the free chapel of Newton Plecy, which John Garton of Erith, granted the said Richard by fine on the death of Richard Mayn who leased them from the said John. A.D, 1417.

546. Power of Attorney by J. Halap, Exor. of the will of Ralph Tregrisio, Dean of Exeter, to John Wareyn, to settle about certain rents in Wells. A.D. 1417.

547–555. About lands, &c. in Wells; do.; Edeston; Moniers Lane in Wells; do.; do.; do.; do.; Newton Plecy. A.D. 1417–1418.

556. Exemplification by Cardinal Branda for Cardinal John Bishop of Ostia, at the command of Martin V. of certain constitutions agreed upon by the said Martin V. for the reformation of the English Church and of that of Ireland and Wales.

At Florence, in domo habitacionis nostræ, April 17, A.D. 1419.

557–562. Lease of lands, &c. in Newton Plecy; do.; Wells; Newton Plecy; do.; A.D. 1420–1422.

563. Release by Richard Reed to Richard Harewell, William Hoddesfield, Alexander Lynde; William Paston of Paston; and Thomas Poye, of the manors of Brandeston, Charesfeld, and Westenfeld in Suffolk; the manors of Oxburgh, Shipdene, and Ryston, 140 acres of land and rents in Salthous, Berton, Byndich, and Henstede, in Norfolk; and the

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manors of Radewell, Compton Dureville, Hossokmore, and Loxton, in Somerset. A.D. 1422.

564. About tenements, &c. in Wells.

565. Exemplification by John Bp. of Sarum of the letters of Pope Martin V. in favour of the privileges of the Chapter of Wells. Given at Rome, Oct. 15, A.D. 1422.

566–569. About a canon's house in Wells; General pardon to W. Gascoigne; the manor of Loxton; an Inquisition about the Hundred of Exton, and Newton Plecy.

470. Release by John Holden and Joan his wife, widow of John Garton, to Humphry Stafford and Thomas Stawell, Knts., to John Juyn of Stanton Drew, to John Warre, Hugh Pyke, Hugh Cary, Robert Jeffrey, &c. of Exton and Newton Plecy, &c. A.D. 1423.

571–573. About the same.

574–575. Appropriation of the advowson of Buckland Abbot's Church to the Chapter by Bp. John Bubbewith.

Test. Sir W. Palton, Sir Thomas Beauchamp; Sir Thomas Stowell, Knts.; John Warre; John Arthur, &c.

Given at Woky, Oct. 16, A.D. 1424.

576–577. Indenture of the convent of Bath for the foundation of Bp. N. Bubbewith's Chantry. A.D. 1424.

578. About the appropriation of Buckland Abbots.

579–580. About lands at Melesberg; General pardon to W. Gascoigne.

581. Exemplification of an entry in the "Liber Feodorum" stating that the Canons of Wells hold the Manor of Northcury. A.D. 1425.

582–597. About tenements, &c. in Wells; Ediston; Bykenalre; Wells; the Manor and Hundred of Byshoppeston, Berks; Wells; Bykenalre; do.; Depford, Wilts; Wells; Bykenalre; Edeston; Wells; do.; do. A.D. 1425–1431.

598–600. About Pokerchurch; General pardon to the D. & C. of Wells; lands in Kingsbury. A.D. 1437.

601. Indenture about the foundation of the Chantry of Nicholas Calton, Archdn: of Taunton. A.D. 1438.

602. Details of the last.

603–606. About Monyer Lane in Wells; houses in Wells; do.; land in Bykenalre. A.D. 1438–1440.

607. Account Roll of the Steward of the manor of Bykenalre. A.D. 1440–1441.

And of the same as bailiff of Stoke Gommer parsonage for the same year.

608–609. Copy of the will of Nicholas Calton. Probate, A.D. 1440.

610. Grant of lands in Bykenalre by Wm. Jevan, the Vicar of Stoke Gommere, and Robert Kente, rector of Sandford. A.D. 1441.

611. Warrant of H. VI. to the escheator to make inquiry concerning Melebury Manor and lands in Woky, Cheddar, and Draycote, given to the Chapter of Wells for the support of the Chapel in Wells dedicated to S. Saviour, the Blessed Virgin, and all Saints. A.D. 1441.

612. The finding of the jury.

613. Warrant to the king about the same.

614–618. About lands in Prestleigh; Henton; Prestleigh; do.; do.

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619. Judgment of William de Fondera, Bp. of Oleron, Papal Auditor, &c., in a cause between Bp. Thomas de Beckington and the Prebendaries of the Cathedral, respecting the Bishop's jurisdiction over their prebends. A.D. 1444.

620–624. About lands at Melesburgh; Wells; Melesbury; Wells; do.

625. Mandate of Bp. Beckington to the Archd^us to call upon the clergy to become members of the Fraternity of S. Andrew and aid the Fabric.

Given at Woky, April 20, A.D. 1446.

626. About land in Bykenalre. A.D. 1446.

627. Exemplification by H. VI. of a record of the Star Chamber, dated July 11 last, against John Delabere, king's almoner, seeking the appointment to the Deanery, and pointing out that the right of election is with the Chapter, "any provision made by oure holy fader the pope to the sayd Deanery notwithstanding."

Teste me ipso, at Westminster, July 12, A.D. 1446.

628. General pardon to W. Gascoigne. A.D. 1446.

629. Lease by the Chapter to Thomas Moleyns of Whitchurch in Dorset of their share in the Church there. A.D. 1447.

630. Grant by W. More of Naylsey to T. Brown &c. of Alveston Manor. A.D. 1447.

631–634. About lands at Bykenalre; West Pennard; do.; do.

635. Statement of sums distributed in the cathedral at the obsequies of Robert Notelton, Hugh Greneford, Robert Bugleigh, William Odecambe, &c., and of sums for processions on the Feast of the Assumption, for the souls of sundry persons. No date.

636. About East Coker Church. No date.

637. Gift of books by Bp. Stafford to the Chapter.

638. About rents at Northcury.

639. Letter from P—— to his brother and friend John Baryngton, Vicar of Wells Cathedral, in which he mentions the schools; asks that money may be sent. Has no leisure to write more, but will write again soon. Begs to be remembered to John . . . . and to . . . . Erchefound and all other companions and friends.

Written at Oxford.

640. About land in West Pennard. A.D. 1451.

641. Grant of 20*l.* and a set of vestments by the exors. of the will of Canon John Reynolde to the Vicars of the cathedral, for the daily repetition of certain prayers for the soul of the said Canon, at the time of the Mass in All Saints Chapel in the Close. A.D. 1451.

642. About a tenement in Wells.

643. Notarial indorsement recording the appointment by John "Ep^s Pennensis" Judge and Commissary, of the process to be carried out in a cause between Richard Ferour, Rector of S. Michael ad placita, Norwich and W. Fytell asserted to be his clerk.

"This curious document appears to have formed the cover of a book entitled 'Liber Actorum Capitularium Wallensium,' the title being written on the back." A.D. 1458.

644–653. About a tenement in Wells; land in West Pennard.

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654–658. About a fishery in Redcliffe Yoo, and land at Bydesham; land in Dultingcote and Long Sutton; Bykenalre; do.

659. General pardon by H. VI. to the Chapter. A.D. 1455.

660. Grant by Thomas Staynour alˢ Muleward to John Tregodek of land at Prestleigh. A.D. 1455.

661–667. About a tenement in Wells: do.; Okehampton Manor; Prestleigh; a tenement in Wells.

668. Award by Humphrey, Lord Stafford, of Southwyke; Nich. Carent, Dean of Wells; and Richard Chok, Justice of the Common Pleas, between John More of Nailsea, son and heir of William Bithe-More, and Robert Deye als Kykke, about lands in Wurcheston and Burnham. The land is adjudicated to John More as kinsman and right heir of Baldewyne Countevyle, late lord of Alwarton, viz., son of William son of Johanna, daughter of Elizabeth, daughter of Richard, son and heir of the said Baldewyne. A.D. 1462.

669. Grant by John Kaynall and Cristine his wife, daughter and heir of W. Gascoigne to J. Fardynge junʳ of land in North Newton. A.D. 1462.

670–675. About the Exton and Newton Plecy Manors, &c.; lands in Wells; Okehampton by Philip de Drokensford to his son Philip; Wells; Newton Plecey; Wells.

676. Will of Canon John Pedewell. A.D. 1467.

677–682. About Newton Plecey; lands in Wells; Bond of John Bythemore of Alwarton and William his son and heir; about lands in Overwere; Newton Plecey; do.

683. General pardon by E. IV. to the Exors. of the Will of Bp. Beckington. A.D. 1468.

684. Undertaking by Jon Henton, Prior of Bruton, and the Priory to carry out certain services on behalf of Hugh Sugar, Treasurer of Wells. A.D. 1468.

685. Similarly the Abbot of S. Augustine's, Bristol, admits the said Hugh to spiritual fraternity, &c.

686–694. About Newton Plecy Manor; do.; do.; the Mountery Street in Wells; a grange at Bydesham; the Mountery Street in Wells; a tenement in Wells; do. A.D. 1468–1469.

695. Will of Henry Goddislond. Probate, A.D. 1474.

696–702. About lands in Alwerton and Overwere; in Wells; do.; West Pennard; do.; Wells; do.

703. Order by the vicars choral that a lamp be kept burning from Michaelmas to May day every year in requital of benefits received from T. Chews. A.D. 1479.

704–708. About land in West Pennard; Wells; do.; Presteley Wells.

709. Will of T. Hampson, burgess of Wells. A.D. 1484.

710–711. Bond of W. Bythemore of Nailsea, A.D. 1485; about houses in Wells.

712. General pardon by H. VII. to Dean J. Gunthorpe. A.D. 1486.

713–716. About land in Wells; do.; do.; Prestleigh.

717. Mandate of Bp. Robert Stillington to the Archdⁿ to call upon the Clergy and parishioners to become members of the Fraternity of S.

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Andrew, and aid the Fabric, with promise of 40 days indulgence to benefactors. A.D. 1489.

718. About land in Prestleigh.

719. Will of Andrew Grantham, a vicar. A.D. 1493.

720–726. About land in Northcory; The Will of W. Mulwarde; about land in Wells leased by T. Cornish, Tinensis Ep^s^; tenements in Wells; do.; do.

727. Release by Thomasine widow of William Bythemore to Dean J. Gunthorpe of Alwarton Manor. A.D. 1496.

728–744. About tenements in Wells; do.; lands, &c. at Alwarton; Doultecote; Wells; do.; do.; Biddesham; Bicknoller; do.; Bykenalre; Wells; Newton Plecey; Wells; do.; do. A.D. 1498–1526.

745. Award by certain commissioners confirming to the convent of Buckland, Somerset, against the Chapter of Wells, the proceeds of their churches during vacancies. A.D. 1526.

746. Bond of certain husbandmen to observe covenants. A.D. 1527.

747. Deed setting forth the details of the appropriation of the Churches of Henton Monachorum, and Norton S. Philip's to the Priory of Henton.

748. Letter of William (Warham) Archbp. of Canterbury to John Beckham, President of the Chapter of Wells, dismissing a case between him and Canon Gumby Als. Awsten. A.D. 1528.

749. Confirmation by Richard Woleman the Dean and the Chapter of Wells, of a licence formerly given to Richard Smith, als. Bramstone, a vicar choral, to be absent from Mattins for the term of his life, and two months leave in each year during which he may wear the apparel of a layman, and with a weekly allowance of 7*d.* In consideration of this he shall act as Clerk of the Works of the Cathedral without fee. A.D. 1530.

750. The D. and C. grant to the same an annuity of 4*l.* in lieu of other allowances and in consideration of surrender of the office of Clerk of the Works. Same date.

751. Woky parsonage let by W. Bowman the sub-dean for 22*l.* a year. A.D. 1533.

752–755. An arbitration about the Christopher Inn in Wells; another about Redcliffe Yeo fishery; another about the New Hospice in Wells.

756–757. About a tenement in Wells; Bond of the D. and C. to Sir W. Luttrell to abide by an arbitration. A.D. 1534.

758. Authority given to the Communar to deduct from the Vicars' salaries fines for absence at the rate of ¼*d.* for absence from Prime; ½*d.* from Mass; ¼*d.* from Evensong. A.D. 1535.

759. Commission by Bp. John Clerk, King's Commissioner, appointing the Dean and Chapter of Wells to nominate three Priors [vicars choral so-called for their year of service in turn] to examine into the affairs connected with the service instituted by Bp. Josceline in honour of the B. V. Mary; and two Priors to examine into those of the "Martyrs Masse" in S. Martin's Chapel near the Font, instituted by the same.

Confirmed by the Chapters of Wells and Bath. Jan., A.D. 1535.

760. Account of the Steward of Newton Plecey for the year A.D. 1536–1537.

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761. Acquittance to the Dean of Wells for one year's dues on the Ecclesiastical subsidy. (Sede vacante) A.D. 1540.

762. Copy of Bp. William Knight's commission to the surveyors of his lands in Somerset and Devon. A.D. 1541.

763. Grant by the D. and C. to Walter Cretyng of a part of the workhouse. March 20. A.D. 1542.

764–771. About land in Kingsbury; Bonds; lands in Bykenalre; do.; Congresbury; Kingsbury; do.; do. A.D. 1542–1550.

772. Sale by Sir John Thynne, Knt., and Lawrence Hyde, to William Stourton, of a messuage lately belonging to the Guild of Corescombe. May 4, A.D. 1550.

773. The sale of the Lady Chapel to Sir John Gate. June 20, A.D. 1552.

774–775. About a tenement in Northcory; lands at Stathe and Saltmoore.

777. Extract from the Roll of the accounts of the annual tenths of the clergy. A.D. 1553.

778. Bond in 100*l.* of John Fitz James, Archd^n of Taunton, warranting the Chapter against loss through a lease made by him to John Ffyvyan of Langton Budville. A.D. 1554.

779, 780. About land in Wells; bond of the Corporation of Wells in 300*l.* to observe covenants. A.D. 1555.

781, 782. Grant by W. Stourton of Wormyster of the School House, &c. in Croscombe to certain of the vicars of Wells. A.D. 1555.

784. About lands at Prestlegh.

786. Deed by which the D. and C. and the Mayor and Burgesses of Wells specify the uses of the sum of 60*l.* bequeathed by Walter Cretyng, Archd^n of Wells, to be lent for two years at a time to 6 poor burgesses at the rate of 10*l.* each. A.D. 1558.

787, 788. About Wiveliscombe, too imperfect to be described; land at Wellesleigh.

789. Bond by the Churchwardens of Wiveliscombe concerning 20*l.* given by the Vicar of Wiveliscombe to be distributed among "four honest men" and "four other young men." A.D. 1562.

790. A similar bond by the Churchwardens of Woky. A.D. 1562.

791–800. About houses in Wells; lands in Northcory; do.; in Wells; the Communers balance in A.D. 1569; a legacy of 40*l.* to the Burgesses by John Haggett; tenements in Wells; do.; do.; do. A.D. 1563–1584.

From 800 to 835 the entries are about leases, &c., except—

825. A bond in 500*l.* by Thomas Gerarde and others to the D. and C. for the presentation of the Dean to the Vicarage of Stokcumber. A.D. 1634.

832. Articles of agreement between the D. and C. of Wells and Robert Taunton of Bristol, organ maker, to build "a fair well-tuned, usefull, and beautifull, double organ," in the Cathedral at a cost of 800*l.* or less according to the award of the Surveyor when the work is finished.

The dimensions and stops are given. A.D. 1662.

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A second series of 90 documents, ending A.D. 1812, contain five which refer to archiepiscopal visitations in A.D. 1587, 1591, 1604; several which refer to the election of Bishops; and many which contain the appointment of proxies, and orders to collect rents.

A third series containing 245 documents has been arranged in 4 boxes, with full particulars of their contents in each box. These consist for the most part of extracts from the Chapter minute books; appointments to offices; sentences of excommunication pronounced against Prebendaries for non-attendance when cited; lists of the members of the Cathedral body; and accounts, &c.

CUSTOMS OF THE NORTH CURRY FEAST.

The Reeve provides the Feast, and in order to enable him to do so, the Lords of the Manor allowing the Lords rent of the Feast Tenement, in respect of which he is appointed to the office, an annual allowance of £2 by the name of Leaze Fees, payment of £2 under the name of Cane Wood, and £4 5*s*. 0*d*. under the name of Beef and Pork. The Reeve is also allowed by the occupier of the Lay Rectory now held by Mr. C. H. Dare for lives under the Dean and Chapter of Wales, 36 bushels of good marketable wheat, and 48*s*. in money, to be rendered on demand at any time within a month before Christmas, annually, and likewise by the holders of the undermentioned estates the quantity of wheat set opposite to the names of their Tenements respectively to be rendered within the like period.

11 Tenements (named) provide 17¾ bushels.

The custom of preparing for and holding the feast is for the Reeve to provide 3 fat heifers and put them in the Manor Pound adjoining North Curry Church Yard the Sunday before Christmas Day if Christmas happen on any other day than Monday or Tuesday, but if it falls on a Monday or Tuesday then the Sunday week before Christmas day, for the inspection of the persons entitled to the feast who may insist on having them changed if good ones are not provided. Then these are killed by a butcher appointed and paid by the Reeve, and the day before Christmas Day delivered with a good half Pig to two Tenants of the Manor of North Curry called Dealers, who continue for many years, but are annually summoned to their duty by the Reeve and have their vacancies filled up by him. The Dealers are to attend the day before Christmas Day, except that day be Sunday, and then the day preceding, at the Reeve's with a clerk, to cut or Deal, or Dole out the Beef and Pork to the persons entitled to receive it, and they have provided for them by the Reeve Beef steaks and onions for breakfast, Top Butt of beef and 3 Marrow bones boiled, with marrow taken out and spread on toasted bread for dinner, and a feast each of 2 loaves of Bread, 8*d*. worth of Beef and 2*d*. in money, and 1 lb. of Beef suet to be sent home to their houses for their trouble.

The Dealers serve out 2 Ribs of Beef, 2 Ribs of Pork, 2 Loaves of Bread, and 2*d*. in money to each of the holders of the following freehold Manors, Knapp, Curry Vowels, Late Ceeley's, Calmady's, Slough, Hantham, Curry Cum well.

They also serve out to each of the occupiers of the 2 following Tenements . . . . . a feast and a half, viz., 3 Loaves of Bread, 1*s*. worth of Beef, and 3*d*. in money.

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They also serve the occupiers of the following Tenements, 2 Loaves of Bread, 8*d.* worth of Beef, and 2*d.* in money.

In North Curry Manor 49 tenements.

In Wrantage 36.

In East Curry 35.

The Dealers also serve out a Loaf and $\frac{1}{3}$ of Bread, $\frac{2}{3}$ of 8*d.* worth of Beef, and 2*d.* in money to the occupier of late Powel's tenement in the Manor of E. Curry, called a Two-third-in-Gale Tenement . . . . Also one half of the last mentioned allowance to an occupier of late Samuel Powell in the Manor of E. Curry, called a Third-in-Gale.

They likewise serve out one loaf of Bread, 4*d.* worth of Beef, and 1*d.* in money to the occupiers of the following tenements called half feast tenements.

In N. Curry 7. In Wrantage 1. In E. Curry 5.

Each of which loaves of Bread is to be made of good white flour, to be well baked, and to weigh after baking 5 lbs., and the Beef to be valued at the price for which beef of like quality is then currently selling.

To the Reeve of West Hatch within the said Manor, the Dealers serve half a bullock and the hind quarter of the half pig for the use of the Tenements of that Manor on his paying 5*s.* for it to the Reeve of North Curry, but before he is allowed to enter the Reeve's house he is to sing the following song :—

King John he was a noble knight
I am come to demand my right
Open the door and let me in
Else I'll carry away my money again.

The dealers serve out these feasts to the persons entitled to them, who are to send for them between Sunrise and Sunset the day before Christmas day, unless it happens to be a Sunday, and then the day preceding, and the dealers also serve out for the Reeve a Chine, round and rump of Beef for mince meat, and the belly part of the fore quarter of the half pig for a feast to be provided the day after Christmas day, except it be a Sunday, and then the day following, by the Reeve for the Lord of the Manor of Knapp and Slough who are called the Jack of Knapp and Slough, and have this feast for themselves and their attendants after-mentioned, besides the Chief-feast of Beef, &c.; in common with the holders of the other 5 freehold Manors they or their Deputy arrive at the Reeve's house the feast day about 1 o'clock, the Jack of Knapp or his deputy attended by 3 men and a boy, and the Jack of Slough or his deputy by 2 men and a boy. When the Jack of Knapp or his deputy arriving the key of the Reeve's Cellar, in which there is to be provided a $\frac{1}{2}$ Hogshead at least of good Ale for the feast, is given to one of his attendants. The Jack or deputy proceeds to divide the offal or inferior parts of the bullock and half pig and distribute by the dealers to the holders of tenements into portions to be given in the afternoon to the 2nd poor. The Jack of Slough or Deputy divide Six Dozen of bread weighing five pound each loaf when well baked, provided by the Reeve for the like purpose. The Jack and their attendants then set down to a dinner provided by the Reeve, consisting of the Chine of Beef roasted and the Rump and Round Boiled, the belly piece of the fore quarter of the half Pig rolled up and made into a Collar of Brawn and called and served up with a sprig of rosemary and powdered with flour. A Hen with the Head and Tail on but the rest of the feathers except the tail plucked off—a little boiled and served up on Sops of Bread, proper Vegetables. A large Mince Pie and effigy of King John in Paste properly painted to represent a king stuck up in the middle of it; Bread and Ale and bread and cheese after when

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they sit down to dinner. Two Candles weighing a pound each are lighted, and until they are burnt out the Jack and their attendants have a right to sit drinking ale. After dinner the regular toasts are—To the Mortal Memory of King John; The Real Jack of Knapp; The real Jack of Slough. Afterwards, when toasts are given, the Jacks give away the bread and the offal beef and pork to the second poor. When they have drunk as much as they like they depart. The Jack of Slough or deputy holding the Stirrup of the Jack of Knapp, or Deputy, for him to mount, and receiving a shilling as his fee.

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